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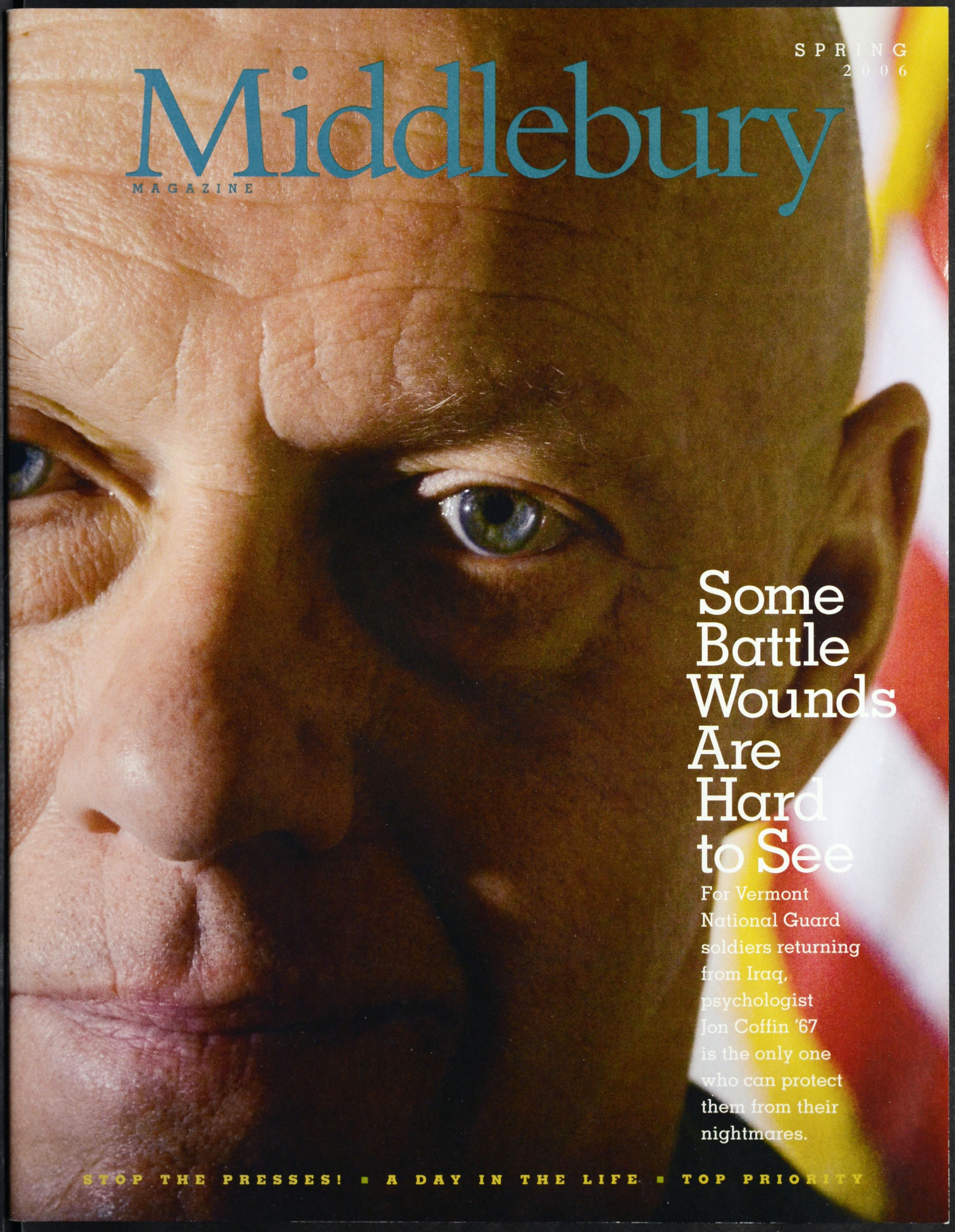

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First Class

After more than a quarter century of impeccable work, Alumni Editor Dotty McCarty is putting down the red pen.

To tell you the truth, I didn't know much about Middlebury College when I took a job helping out with class notes. Actually, I was exhausted from running after my two little boys and needed a chance to sit down. On top of that, I was making nada for collecting apples and turning out hand-decorated jars of homemade apple butter. And it seemed like working for the College might make better use of my Berkeley degree in English literature than stirring vats of hot apple butter.

It was the fall of 1979 when I took off my apron and entered the amazing world of class notes. Technology was a little simpler back then. Electric typewriters were the latest thing in technology, but we still used lots of those little bottles of white paint until the self-correcting machines arrived. I think when a column ran too long for the magazine in those days, someone just took a pair of scissors and trimmed it a bit.

I particularly remember the day when President Olin Robison announced that everyone at the College—student, staff, and faculty—would soon be working on a computer. My initiation came right after student Jane Benz '83 finished typing David Stameshkin's *The Town's College* on the enormous computer we called Big Ugly. The magazine editor pointed menacingly at Big Ugly and said, "Okay, Dotty, put the next edition of class notes on the computer." No instructions! All trial and error!

Computer programs changed, magazine editors arrived and departed, budgets ebbed and flowed, the office packed and moved many times. Out in the old schoolhouse where I lived in Cornwall, earth-shaking changes were also taking place. But no matter what was happening, the class notes flowed on, a never-ending stream chronicling the lives of thousands of Middlebury College graduates. Taking on a life of its own, the great tabulation of jobs, marriages, babies, joys, sorrows, and triumphs surged relentlessly on. Surging along with the flow, I have been undefeated only because I have gone on trying, barely daring to take my hands from the keyboard in fear of being swept away.

But just as I gave up my house in Cornwall for a condo in town a few years ago, so must I admit that I need to cut back a bit on my obsession with reporting all the news that's fit to print. Fortunately, I think I'll get to hang around the College on a part-time basis, working on projects for the communications department. The best of all possible worlds!

Glancing back through any *Middlebury Magazine—can it actually be more than 100 issues I have worked on!?*—the class notes instantly spring to life as wide-angle snapshots of an ever-growing, ever-evolving community of Middlebury people. When I arrived in Vermont in 1974, I remember thinking that I might like to learn to make quilts. But instead, I pieced together the stories of people's lives, and that has been a very gratifying kind of art. And although it's time for me to start exploring other art forms, I look forward to reading the class notes and staying in touch with Middlebury as the future unfolds. —DM

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Whole Again

THOUGH I REALIZE that Tara McMenamy Sheahan's battle with Lyme disease was by no means the sole focus of your article about her courage and strength ("Requiem for a Dream," winter 2006), I was most touched by it and want to thank you for addressing Lyme disease with such accuracy.

Though it is a growing health crisis, it is still greatly misunderstood and, as a result, is too often un- and misdiagnosed and under-treated. Like Ms. Sheahan, I saw several doctors and suffered myriad neurological, cardiac, reproductive, joint, and psychiatric problems before being diagnosed with disseminated/chronic Lyme disease. I have been on antibiotics for over two years now and am grateful that I too am able to once again do most things that I have always enjoyed (though on a much smaller scale than hers!).

Your accurate and poignant portrayal of the ramifications of Lyme disease in a magazine that has such a national reach is tremendous and will, I feel certain, have significant positive consequences. Thank you.

Julia Morris Ogden '86, M.A. English '96
Byfield, Massachusetts

Beauty and the Beast(ly)

JOHN ELDER IS ONE OF THE MOST INSIGHTFUL, kind men in my life, and his teaching and written works have profoundly influenced my work in education. His characterization of Bicentennial Hall ("Into the Wood," winter 2006) reminds me to focus on the positive.

Given Bi Hall's location on my ex-favorite sunset spot on campus, this un-Vermont-scale monstrosity led me (and many of my classmates and professors) to dub it the "Death Star"—after *Star Wars* and the fact that almost all of the Environmental Council's suggestions were rebuked by the College administration. The article reminds me to focus on the successes and the beauty of the natural world, no matter where it exists, no matter where we are: Bread Loaf or the Death Star, Vermont or New York City, in a law office or an outdoor classroom.

So "Word" to John Elder for reminding me of his Zen training, to Nan Jenks-Jay for rocking the boat, to the Weybridge folks who got me off the meal plan and helped to get the new organic garden on campus, and cheers to the administration and the architects for a far more tasteful library!

Nic Tuff '99
Alexandria, Virginia

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Seize the Day

I READ WITH INTEREST PROFESSOR JOHN ELDER'S DISCUSSION of the economic benefits to the College in his article on the use of wood from local, sustainable forests in Middlebury's buildings ("Into the Wood," winter 2006). I remembered my student days and thinking about the use—and cost—of energy on campus. A glance at the College's annual expenses reveals that Middlebury's facilities do not cease to be costly when construction ends and doors open to a reception of blue balloons and chocolate medallions with the college seal.

I arrived in Middlebury in 1997, around the beginning of the recent building boom. I was reminded that I lived and studied on a green campus. I still have the ruler, distributed to first year students, that reads, "Middlebury conserves and recycles: please maintain the tradition." It seemed to me that many students were not maintaining a tradition of conservation. It was not unusual to see open dorm windows in January, and it was typically security staff—not students—who turned down the lights in CFA at midnight. Energy conservation in Middlebury's now bigger facilities would save the College a great deal of money. It ought to be students who lead the effort.

Brendan Hogan '01
Rochester, New York

TOUCHED BY TARA

We received a number of letters, e-mails, and phone calls relating to the winter profile of Tara McMenamy Sheahan '82 ("Requiem for a Dream"). Readers wanted to relate their own experience battling with Lyme disease (see letter at left), wanted to know how to get in touch with Tara, and wanted to request extra copies of the issue to share with friends and family. All were touched by Tara's story.

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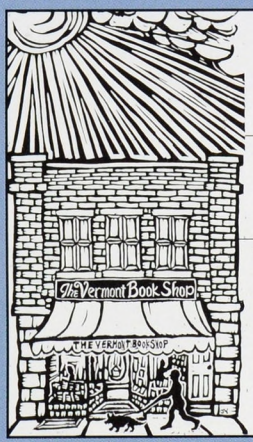

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I encourage Middlebury to consider the third prong of a solid language plan—to add or to merge with a fine school of pedagogy, to prepare teachers of world languages that would cross the age groups of preschoolers through college-age students. I am thinking of a school that would prepare future teachers to do curriculum writing, maintain high standards that align with benchmarks, teach with strategies and materials that are age-appropriate, and finally pump into that the critical thinking that is so infused in the Middlebury philosophy.

Christi Rentsch de Moraga '76, Spanish '77
Marlborough, Connecticut

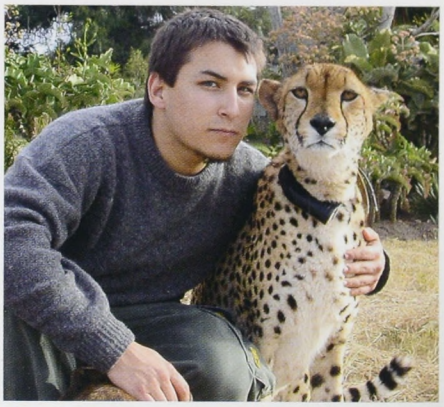
The writer is a teacher of French and Spanish

Photo Op

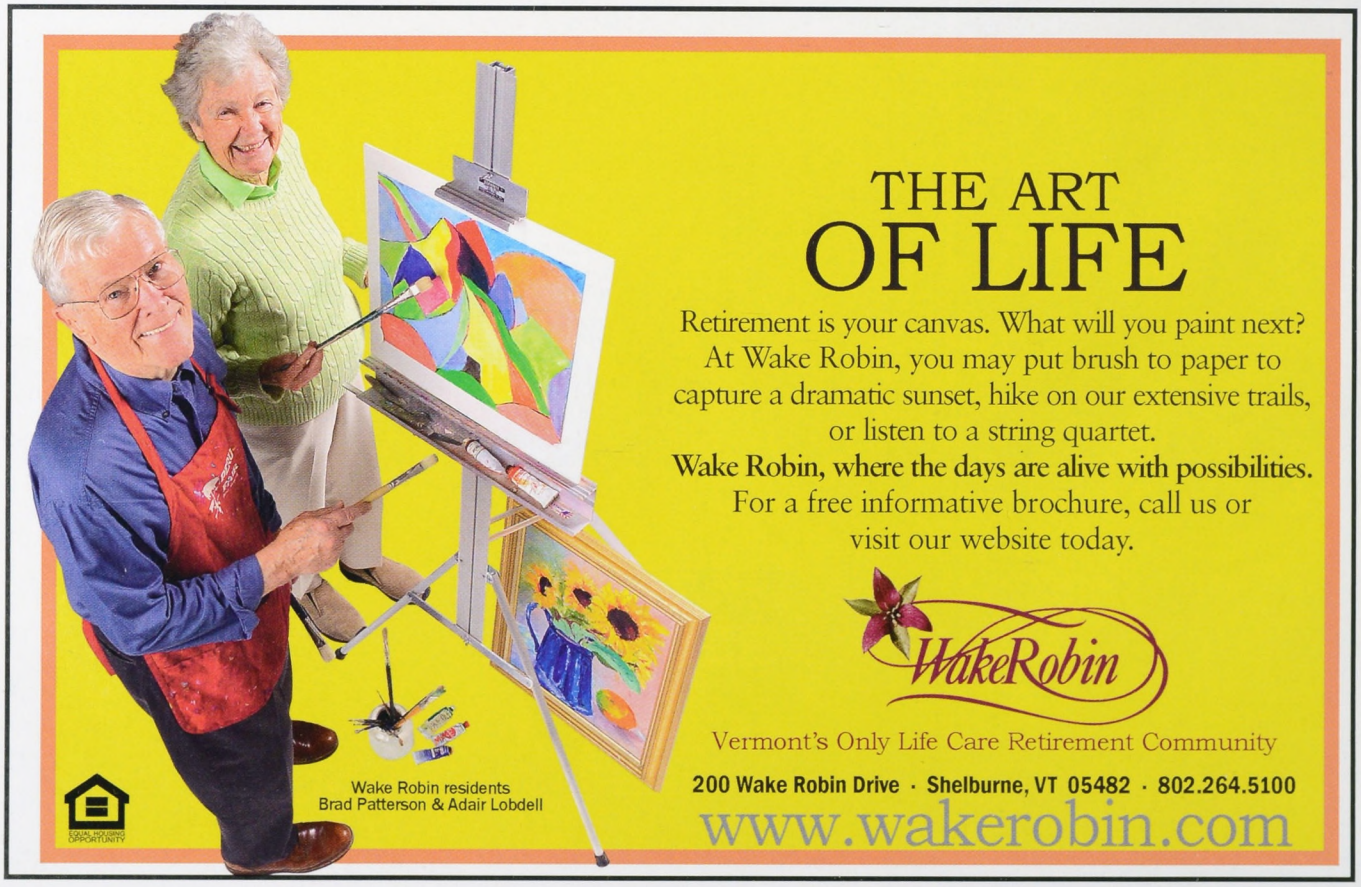
READING THE INTERESTING STUDENT SCENE ARTICLE on Xan Hopcraft '06 and his pet cheetah, Dooms, ("Out of Africa, winter 2006) I wondered why on earth you put in such a strange photo. Is it a picture of someone, possibly Xan, sitting with a fake cheetah? Why not one of the photos of Xan as a child in Kenya with Dooms? It is clear from the article that there are photos available. That would have been much more interesting. Perhaps you could stick one in next issue.

Lyndall Heyer
Stowe, Vermont

Editors' Note:
Yes, that is Xan in the photograph—taken in the screening room on the first floor of the Grille—and yes, the cheetah sitting beside him is of the plush-toy species. We considered using a family photograph of Xan as a youngster, accompanied by Dooms, but ultimately decided that this contemporary shot best illustrated the story. We are pleased to note that Xan was smitten by the stand-in, and graciously accepted our offer to keep the toy cheetah. It now resides in his dorm room.



THE CAT'S MEOW
A reader wanted to see a picture of Xan Hopcraft '06 with a live cheetah. How could we say no? Pictured above is Xan and Shalla at the Hopcraft's home in Kenya.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Still Lacking After 39 Years

IN THE ARTICLE "WHAT BUBBLE?" (College Street, winter 2006), Karl Lindholm '67 recalls that there were virtually no classroom discussions about the war in Vietnam during his senior year. During my own senior year (1967–68), the library also shied away from that controversy. I compiled a list of a dozen pro-war and a dozen anti-war books and suggested that the library set up a rack holding both sets of books. They curtly refused.

At Middlebury today, courses on chemical warfare and the geopolitics of the Middle East are thought to constitute "a comprehensive response to social issues." Are you kidding? Show me a course on "The Cheney-Bush Drive to Destroy Democracy," or "Shredding the Social Safety Net: Every Man for Himself!" or "Squeezing Blood From the Poor to Fatten Tax Breaks for the Rich: The New Century's 'Modest Proposal.'"

That would make a start on addressing contemporary issues.

Sharon Smith '68
Canaan, Maine

The Decision's a Downer

MARK TWAIN WROTE, "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is the lightning that does the work."

Middlebury's American literature department (and major) was lightning. It was the road less traveled by any other college. The one with better claim that wanted wear, and it got it at Middlebury. And it did make all the difference. (Thanks, Mr. Frost.)

Middlebury has been a leader in the study of—and subsequent elevation of—American literature in so very many ways. With 80 years of longevity, Midd's equity in the teaching of Am Lit is enormous. We were the pioneers and arguably the greatest champion of our native country's literature in all the world.

As one working on our class's 50th reunion, I have been in contact with several classmates. Every one of us—from those who majored in Am Lit to those who took only the survey course with either Doc Cook or Howard Munford—feel the College has made a big mistake in doing away with the Am Lit department ("Major Movement," winter 2006), and Middlebury is the poorer for it.

Consider the impact of this decision beyond the interdepartmental squabbles and power grabs. Those of you wrapped up in this are but a small part of Middlebury history. Everyone makes mistakes. Intelligent people correct them. Bring back the American literature department and major.

After all, they still put erasers on pencils.

Phillips G. Terhune Jr. '56
Norwalk, Connecticut

In Memoriam

MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES GO TO PROFESSOR DONADIO for his recent loss. When I read his passionate letter concerning the proposed change in the American Literature department ("Anglophoney Department," summer 2005), I felt my heart rate increase as it did often during his classes. His passion and respect for texts has so deeply enriched my life and the lives of my students that the mere sound of his voice in that letter

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recalled all that he has given me. I am deeply sorry that something so important to this inspired and inspiring teacher has been lost. I only hope he knows that what he brings to the study of great books endures *ex departmenta*. No one will remember the EAC in years to come, but no one will forget what Professor Donadio does in the classroom.

Irene Williams Nicastro, M.A. English '89
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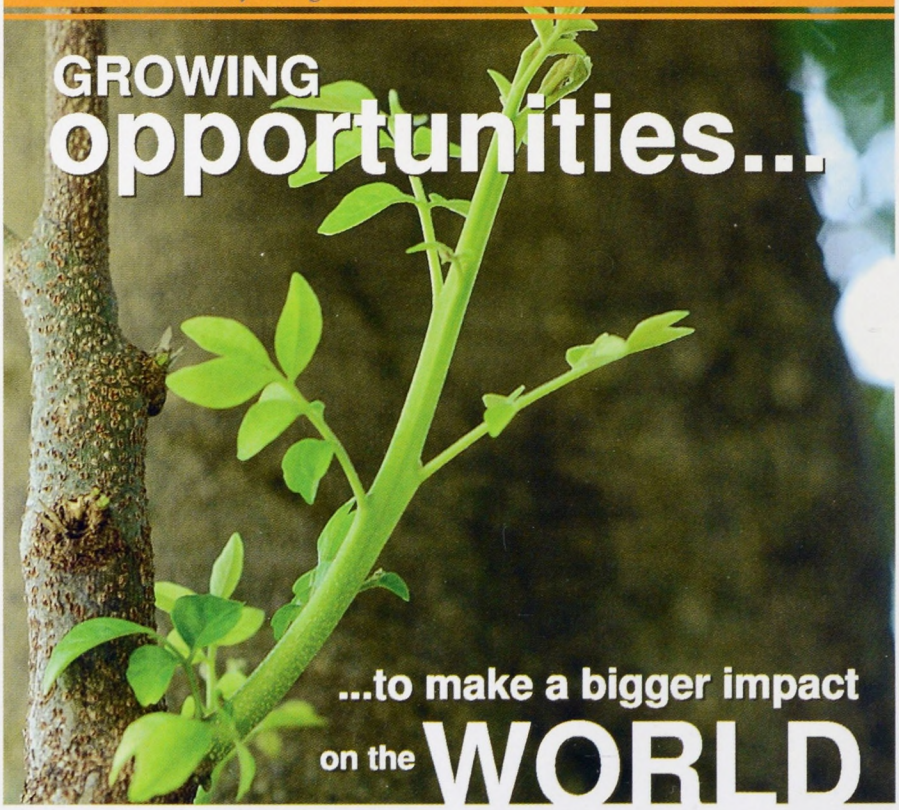

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The Life of Reilly

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND MATT JENNINGS for highlighting the upcoming retirement of Russ Reilly in the Winter issue of *Middlebury Magazine* ("The Reilly Factor"). Coach Reilly recruited me to play basketball at Middlebury and I was fortunate to play on his final team before he became athletic director in 1997. As Jennings' article stressed, Russ's impact on the College and on individual students went far beyond wins and losses. In addition to teaching us X's and O's, he taught us life lessons and urged us to become better people along the way.

To me, a good coach is defined as much off the court as he is on, and Russ accomplished this balance like no other. A mentor to some and a confidant to many, he always sacrificed his own time and energy for the benefit of his players. To this day he follows the same approach, offering letters of recommendation, sage advice, or just an open door and an opportunity to sit down and relive the old days. June 30th will be a bittersweet day for the College, but Russ can leave knowing that his impact will continue for years to come.

Michael Hussey '99
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Thanks for the Memories

I'VE BEEN LOOKING OVER THE WINTER ISSUE of *Middlebury Magazine*, and I've been touched by several things.

First, the obits—at my age, one reads them first! One mentioned the death of Sanford Witherell '30. San was an adviser for the DU fraternity when I was a freshman and sophomore. He took time from his working schedule to help us guys out with problems we knew nothing about—at 18 and 19, what do you know about running a home? Also, I read that Gus Gustafson '48 died. Now there was a guy with a happy attitude about life. He was fun to be with, and he taught me the expression, 'That went over like a lead balloon.' How can you beat that?!

Second, the letter from Lynne Zummo '06 ("A Room of Their Own") brought back lots of memories—early Sunday morning rides in pickup trucks to whatever mountain was on that day's

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schedule; climbing up and coming down and riding home in the chilling air after having a wonderful day climbing and making new friends; racing to the fifth floor of Gifford Hall after dinner to view the sun setting over the Adirondacks. What a sight. What memories.

Dick Robinson '48
Washington, North Carolina

Road Trips

THE FALL ISSUE WITH THE ESSAY by Mara Gorman '93 solemnifying Route 30 ("Country Roads") should strike an empathetic chord in many. Driving that road was truly memorable, and the fondest memories start at Lake Bomoseen. From the lake, where we later learned noted critic and raconteur Alexander Woolcott kept a retreat, I'd head north on a mostly unpaved, dirt-surfaced road that had a corduroy effect to it, resulting from the type of road scraper machine of the times, which led to much teeth chattering—to say nothing of one's innards.

Soon, I'd approach the first views of the Champlain Valley, an extensive, pristine green landscape, humbling in its beauty. Soon after leaving Cornwall, the first glimpse of the spire of Mead Chapel was a spine tingler.

Bert MacFadden '39
Strafford, Vermont

Stifle Yourself

AS A RETIRED ARMY OFFICER and current member of the broadcast media, I was angered to learn that Professor Kevin Moss, "a professor of Russian at the College," is a strategist and advocate of overthrowing the presence of the military at Middlebury for allegedly "discrimination against Middlebury students." (Letters, winter 2006)

He is free to voice his opinion that lesbians and gays should be acceptable for the Marines and to be upset because a Marine recruiter is "'looking for candidates who are morally sound,' implying homosexuality is immoral." As a former ROTC grad from the College program, I can assure him that the military does not feel homosexuality is an asset to the effectiveness of our troops during peace and/or war operations.

Professor Moss closes his winter issue letter by stating "the [College] policy should be changed by a vote. Discrimination has rarely been overcome by popular vote. Instead it has taken social protest and the intervention of the courts, precisely the strategy we are employing." His social liberalistic advocacy sounds like the harmful bleating of those misguided people who continue to undermine our military in their war against the fanatical terrorists who brazenly advocate the murder of anyone not a member of the Muslim religion. Moss should be reminded that the Marines are part of that fight against terror.

I am hopeful that Professor Moss during his classes does not include his misguided social philosophy and negativism of our military and his advocation

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that our courts should alter the rights of Americans who vote. It is assumed he is being paid to teach Russian, not to act as a spokesman activist to promote his view of our culture and the rights of Americans to vote over the last bastion of hope for liberals and socialists who aspire to control our courts. Thank God for our right to vote.

Jerry Gross '55
San Diego, California

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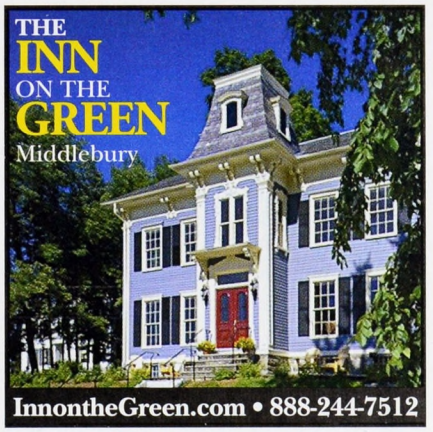

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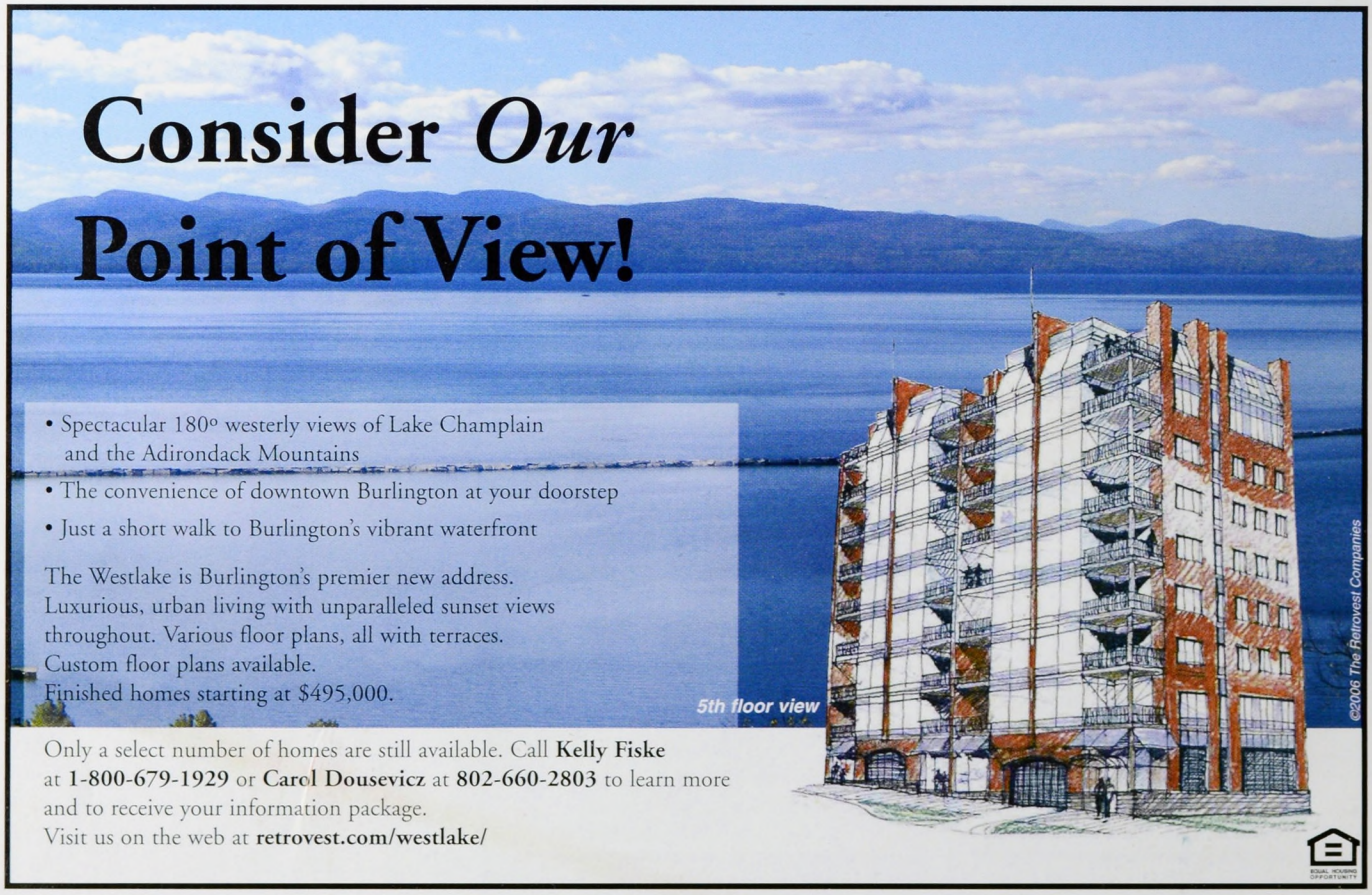
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Uphill Downhill

ONWARD AND UPWARD
Middlebury's production of Peter Barnes's *The Bewitched* has taken the country by storm. Victorious in regional competition, the production advanced to the national stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., to compete against the best theater programs in the nation.
Photograph by Albert Bitici '06

Close Call

On the last Monday in January, the artist Chuck Close stared down about 25 people in a cavernous space in Johnson Hall.

He sported glasses that Woody Allen would envy, and his stringy hair was a disheveled mess. A cigarette dangled from his mouth, and he looked just a little bit stoned; maybe it wasn't a cigarette he was smoking.

The 15 or so students and assembled faculty and staff couldn't keep their eyes off Close. When staring into his dull brown eyes became too intense, people would glance away, but then they came right back to that face, that iconic image. Close never blinked.

Click.

Chuck Close disappeared.

The giant screen onto which the self-portrait of the artist, circa 1968, had been projected went dark, momentarily.

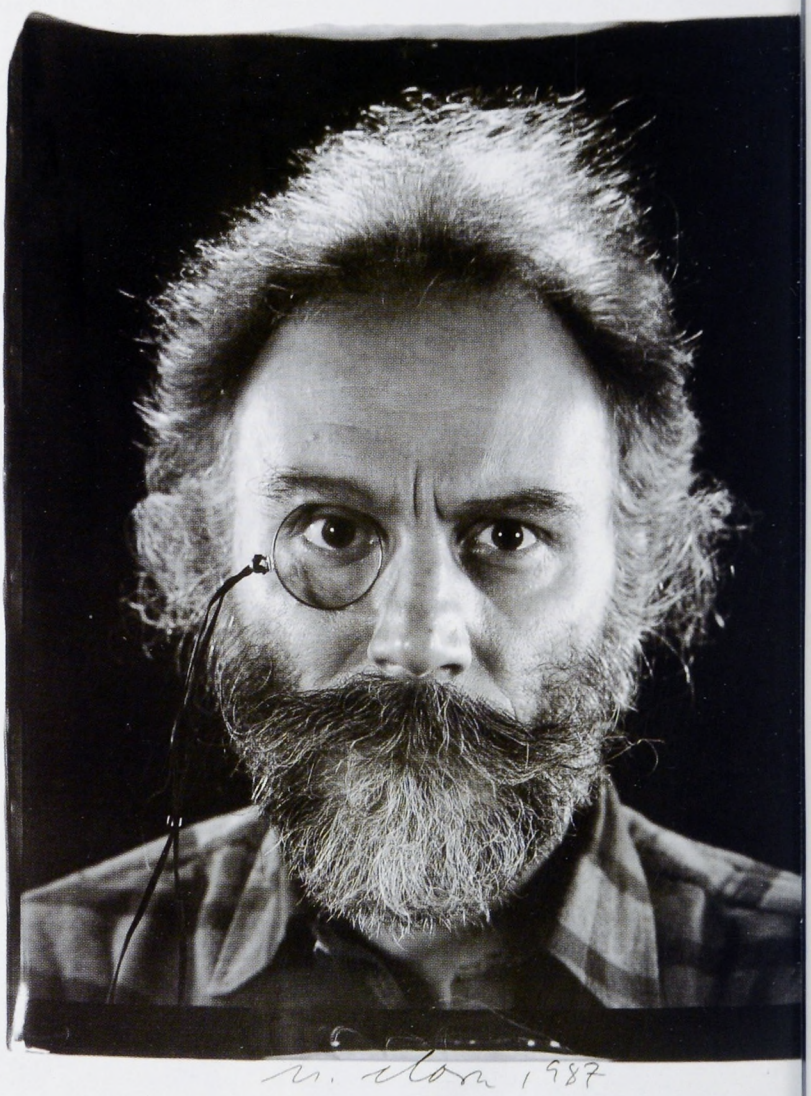
Click

Another giant head appeared. This time a Polaroid portrait of the painter Lucas Samaras filled the screen.

"This is classic work by Close," said Alexxa Gotthardt '08, who was standing behind a lectern positioned off to the side at the front of the room. At her fingertips was a laptop, which was running a PowerPoint presentation of the artwork. "This intimate analysis of the human face *is* Chuck Close."

The Close portrait of Samaras was one of six works of art the students were considering to acquire for the collection of the College Museum of Art. For the past six years, the museum's chief curator, Emmie Donadio, has overseen an acquisition program centered on contemporary photography, film, and video. The students in her winter term curatorial practicum spend the month of January researching specific works and visiting galleries (mainly in New York), where they view the art. A list of 40 artists and specified works is whittled down to about 16, before six are chosen for the final presentation.

In 1999, Marianne Boesky '89, an art dealer in New York City, reached an agreement with the College to donate a sum of money each year for five years to be used for art acquisition. (She also agreed to meet with the students annually and offer insight about the market.) In 2005, Boesky decided to continue her annual support of the program, and the College agreed to match her donation dollar for dollar, doubling the pool of money available to the students. So while Donadio's class examined photographs by Chuck Close, Robert Mapplethorpe, Shirin Neshat, Elger Esser, Hiroshi Sugimoto, and Rineke Dijkstra, they knew they had a shot at acquiring several significant pieces of art.



EYE ON YOU
The above portrait of painter Lucas Samaras by the artist Chuck Close was one of four works of art recently acquired for the College museum's contemporary art collection.

After works by all six artists had been presented, Donadio distributed ballots for an initial round of voting. There was some confusion on how the voting should occur—should people vote for a specific artist? Or a specific work of art? (In some cases, more than one work of art by the artist was available for purchase. There were two Mapplethorpes under consideration, for example.) After some discussion, the students decided to vote on individual pieces, assigning each work a 1, 2, or 3, with 3 carrying the highest value. The votes would be tallied, and those works with the highest scores would

Photograph by Chuck Close

Quote/Unquote

"Never have we encountered such urgency in international matters. Climate change, natural catastrophes. . . all are global, not national. People must get together and solve them."

—Clara Yu, president of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, in an interview with the Monterey Herald. *Yu assumed the presidency of Monterey, an affiliate of Middlebury, in January.*

jump to the top of the list.

Money had not yet come up. Donadio explained later that she didn't want students' artistic judgments clouded by "what they could get at *X* price."

While the students pondered their choices, Boesky offered advice:

"This diptych could be any photographer," she said, gesturing toward a Dijkstra photograph. "You wouldn't look at this and know this is a Dijkstra. It's not as powerful as some of her others . . . I like these Mapplethorpe images. You chose images that are controversial enough, without going so far that, well, without going too far.

"Keep in mind," she continued, "this is a discipline. If you want a certain artist, you'll want to acquire something that defines that artist's agenda."

With the voting completed, museum manager Doug Perkins collected the ballots and walked over to a giant blackboard at the front of the room, where art history professor Pieter Broucke and museum program coordinator Andrea Solomon were waiting to tally the results. For the next 20 minutes, as the votes went up on the board, the students' eyes were glued to Broucke and Solomon; occasionally, cheers and groans could be heard.

After the first ballot, one of Mapplethorpe's photographs had received the most votes, followed by works from Neshat, Sugimoto, Close, and Dijkstra. Then the prices were disclosed and the haggling began.

The top three choices—a Mapplethorpe photograph of a nude model; a still photograph of praying Muslims, which Neshat took on the set of one of her films; and a Sugimoto underwater diorama all fit within the budget.

With some money remaining, attention turned to Close's portrait of Lucas Samaras and the Dijkstra triptych of a young girl. Both pieces had their champions, but the budget allowed for only one. After much debate, Close won out.

"It was interesting to watch," Donadio later said, "because of the context in which [the students] had to make a decision. Not only were they looking at the pieces with an eye toward the market, but they also had to consider what was already in our collection.

"It's a terrific exercise—but with very real results."

—MJ

This Just In

SHORTLY BEFORE THE MAGAZINE WENT TO PRESS, the College announced that Ann Veneman, executive director of UNICEF and former U.S. secretary of agriculture, would be the 2006 Commencement speaker. Joining Veneman on the dais as honorary degree recipients will be Robin Bell '80, director of the ADVANCE program at the Earth Institute; Richard Hodes '75, medical director for the American Jewish Joint Distribution in Ethiopia; James Jeffords, United States senator from Vermont; Alex Webb, director of Shelburne Farms in Vermont; and Lihua Yu, author.

A Taste of Vermont

The maple syrup that has been drizzled over pancakes and waffles in Procter since the 1980s now bears a Middlebury label.

Hillsboro Sugarworks, the maker of pure Vermont maple syrup, has partnered with the College to produce pint-sized containers of the sweet stuff; each jug bears a Middlebury College label, explaining the school's mission of supporting local agriculture and detailing the syrup's legacy in the College dining halls.

Individual containers are available for sale through the Middlebury College store (*go.middlebury.edu/store*), and bulk orders can be purchased through Hillsboro Sugarworks (*www.hillsborosugarworks.com*).

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

Milfoil: Fear the Weevil

Last summer, on a clear, sunny day in Fairfield, Vermont, Middlebury biology professor Sallie Sheldon donned a wetsuit, slipped beneath the flat surface of Fairfield Pond, and prepared to unleash havoc on Eurasian milfoil, the thick, invasive weed that infested what had once been a pristine body of water.

Sheldon was armed with, well, more milfoil, which had been taken from the pond earlier in the summer. This milfoil, however, had spent some time in a large glass tank in the greenhouse of Warner Hall, where it had been laced with aquatic-weevil eggs.

Aquatic weevils are tiny beetles—about half the size of a grain of rice—that enjoy feasting on, you guessed it, milfoil. While the milfoil was being cultivated in the greenhouse, Sheldon and a pair of student researchers—Julie Erickson '08 and Lincoln resident and Colby College student Jess Lueders-Dumont—introduced dozens of adult weevils to the tank. "Weevils are egg-laying machines," Sheldon says, and weevils had laid eggs by the thousands, which then latched onto the weeds. By returning the egg-laden weeds to their natural habitat, Sheldon expected the soon-to-be-hatched weevils to start a life cycle that would eventually introduce enough insects to the pond to bring the milfoil infestation under control.

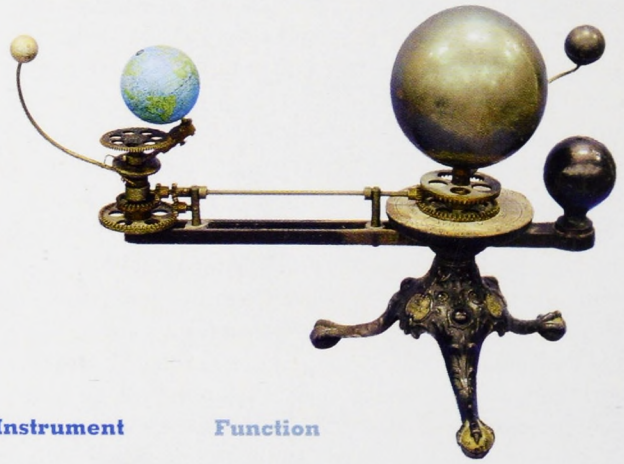
In addition to her work in Vermont, Sheldon has partnered with an Ohio-based environmental group, EnviroScience Inc., which is taking the weevil act on the road. Nicknamed Middfoil, the weevil introduction project has been established in more than 60 lakes and ponds in 12 states nationwide, as well as one Canadian province.

Locally, Sheldon plans to return to Fairfield and to lakes in Fairlee and Craftsbury this spring. And once again she'll come armed with insects smaller than a grain of rice—ready to continue her battle with the weeds beneath the surface.

Test Your 19th-Century Nomenclature

In January, six students stepped back in time to identify, catalog, and ultimately exhibit a 200-year-old collection of scientific instruments. The time-warping experience was part of a winter term class called Early Scientific Instruments: Artifacts from Middlebury's First Century, which was co-taught by physics professor Frank Winkler and museum designer Ken Pohlman. Together they unlocked Middlebury's ancient trunks and cases.

Listed below are just a few of the items they found. See if you can match the ancient instrument with its common function. For answers, visit the exhibit Beauty, Ingenuity, and Function, which the students curated as the culmination of the course. It is currently featured in the Special Collections room of the library. Of course, if you can't make the trip to Middlebury, just e-mail us, and we'll give you the answers.



Instrument	Function
1. Franklin Bells	A. A practical and portable prism device that allows artists to create quick and precise sketches
2. Revolving Armature	B. Uses air pressure to create a vacuum
3. Whirling Table	C. Compares relative temperatures of materials
4. Gravity Balls	D. Delivers a shock of electromagnetism
5. Palm Glass	E. Determines relative density of fluids
6. Leclanché Cell	F. Helps artists to establish perspective in sketches
7. Thermoscopy Vessels	G. Demonstrates centrifugal force
8. Claude Lorrain Mirror	H. A simple, lasting and inexpensive 1866 battery
9. Camera Lucida	I. Makes music of electrostatic energy

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Results can be tracked online at *www.recyclemaniac.org.* By the time this issue of the magazine is in your hands, a champion should have emerged.

Go Figure

6,187
Number of students who applied for a place in the Class of 2010

18
Percentage increase over last year's applicant pool

23
Percentage increase in applicants from the South, compared to last year

20
Percentage increase in applicants from the Mid-Atlantic, compared to last year

0
Number of geographic regions where the percentage of applicants decreased

828
Number of applications from international students

790
Number of applications from international students last year

427
Number of applications from international students in 1995

Special Collections

On July 4, 1845, Henry David Thoreau left the comforts of home in Concord, Massachusetts, to conduct an experiment. For 26 months, he lived in a hand-built cabin on the edge of Walden Pond, subsisting on the barest of essentials while pondering the divinity he was sure existed within himself and his surroundings. The result of his ruminations was a masterwork of American literature—a treatise on the environment, simplicity, and human nature that still resonates today.

Walden was published in 1854, eight years after Thoreau left the woods to return to civilization. Decades later, Viola White, Middlebury's curator of the Abernethy Collection and a Thoreau devotee, would seize an opportunity to purchase a one-of-a-kind edition, one whose real and symbolic worth to the College would be the highest of any acquisition made before or since.

Thoreau's personal copy of *Walden* is surprisingly small, bound neatly in brown cloth and inscribed inside the front cover "Henry D. Thoreau." Marginalia, written in pencil and often illegible, dot its pages. The majority of annotations are corrections of typographical errors and factual information, which were incorporated into later editions; others are simply Thoreau's thoughts on the text.

> But here on the stream of the Concord, where we have all the while been bodily, Nature, who is superior to all styles and ages, is now, with pensive face, composing her poem Autumn, with which no work of man will bear to be compared.
>
> In summer we live out of doors, and have only impulses and feelings, which are all for action, and must wait commonly for the stillness and longer nights of autumn and winter before any thought will subside we are sensible that behind the waving leaves, and the stacks of grain and the bare outlines of the grape, there is the finish of a — —

White purchased the book in February 1940 from the estate of an American literature collector. Then, it cost $2,000; today, its value can only be speculated.

Thoreau's *Walden* is a part of the College's Abernethy Collection—named for Julian Abernethy, Class of 1876, who was an American literature scholar and bequeathed his 7,000-volume personal library to the College upon his death in 1923. Widely regarded as including one of the foremost assemblages of Thoreau materials in the nation, the Abernethy Collection includes letters and rare first editions, such as Thoreau's personal copy of *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers,* as well as the inkwell the author used in penning *Walden.*

Seven Signs of Spring

Spring comes slowly to the Champlain Valley, slowly enough to try the patience of even the most ardent winter enthusiast. But just when you're about to give up hope of ever feeling a breeze that caresses instead of one that stings, you notice a sign. Spring is coming. It might not be here yet, in all its glowing, skin-warming entirety, but it's on the way.

Editorial assistant Grace Kronenberg '06 canvassed the campus on a frigid March day to ask her peers when they know spring is beckoning.

When people start studying outside.
—Amy McCowan '08

When the skirts come out.
—Peter Wolkowski '07

And flip-flops.
—Jessica Hallett '06

When the sun is still up after dinner.
—Conor Stinson '07

When it's not really warm enough to do anything really fun outside, but it's no longer cold enough to do anything fun outside, either.
—David Coriell '06

When you walk outside, braced for the cold, and are pleasantly surprised by the temperature.
—Lelia Yerxa '06

Mud.
—Calvin Garner '06

What's Spinnin' at WRMC?

An early spring survey of the WRMC radio charts reveals a steady diet of alternative music programming, which of course fits the bill for this College radio station.

For the week of March 6, the top 10 albums in heavy rotation were:

Artist	Album
Belle & Sebastian	The Life Pursuit
Penelope	Perennial
The Elected	Sun, Sun, Sun
Cat Power	The Greatest
Neko Case	Fox Confessor Brings the Flood
Clearlake	Amber
Sun Kil Moon	Tiny Cities
Head Like a Kite	Random Portraits of the Home Movie
Broken Social Scene	Broken Social Scene
The M's	Future Women

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Midd Skier Injured

"Her spunk and smile are reassuring."

These words, from those who have visited Kelly Brush '08, the Middlebury alpine skier who suffered severe spinal cord injuries during an event at the Williams Carnival in February, speak volumes about both her determined personality and her recent trauma.

Brush was competing in the women's giant slalom, when she missed a gate and slid off course, careening 100 yards before striking a chair lift tower. Her back bore the brunt of the impact.

After undergoing ten hours of surgery to realign her spinal column—the spinal cord was not severed—Brush regained use of her arms and reported feeling in her upper torso. This spring, Brush will be moving to Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado, where she will undergo further rehabilitation.

Kelly Brush's sister, Lindsay '07, is also a member of the Middlebury ski team, and her father, Charlie '69, both skied and coached at the College.

Hoop Dreams

Well, after bolting out of the gate like a horse with its tail on fire—the Panthers won its first seven games, the best start in school history—the rest of the season turned out to be an exercise in extreme frustration. In dropping its last six games, by a razor-thin margin of just 6 points per game, Middlebury finished the season 12–12, narrowly missing out on participating in the NESCAC tournament.

Yet Coach Jeff Brown has a lot to be excited about. Everyone on his young squad returns next year, including the NESCAC Rookie of the Year, Ben Rudin '09, who led the team in scoring (10.3 ppg), assists (4.7 apg), and steals (2.0 spg).

Panther Hockey, From A to Z

OK, CONFESSION TIME. When it comes to covering the men's and women's hockey teams, we're running out of ideas. I guess that happens when the programs win a combined 13 national titles in 12 years, including three in a row—for each squad.

That said, we still have a few (hat) tricks up our sleeves. This year, we'd like to offer a glossary that should lend some insight on The Championship Season, Versions 8.0 (men) and 5.0 (women).

All-Americans
AS IN SIX PANTHERS, four on the women's side, two on the men's. If you're keeping score at home, the honorees are Emily Quizon '06, Kathryn Kogut '06, Shannon Tarrant '07, Annmarie Cellino '09, Jeff Smith '06, and Mickey Gilchrist '08

Bowdoin
OPPONENT OF BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS in the NESCAC finals. (See Chip, The)

Chip, The
HOME ARENA OF THE PANTHERS and site of both the men's and women's NESCAC finals, 3–1 and 8–2 (respectively) victories over Bowdoin. (See also Ice, Home)

D
JUST *D*, SHORTHAND FOR DEFENSE. The men's team boasted the nation's best defense this year, allowing just 1.54 goals per game.

Eight
AS IN 8–0, which is the men's record in national title games.

Four hours, 25 minutes, and 57 seconds
AMOUNT OF ICE TIME that has elapsed since the men's team last allowed a goal in the title game.

Goals, Game-winning
As in five for Midd sophomore Mickey Gilchrist this season, good for second nationally.

Hunt, Darwin
THE MIDD JUNIOR was the organizer of Panther Pals, the 10 hockey players who mentored youngsters at the Ripton Elementary School. (See Maldonano, Sam)

Ice, Home
AS IN CHIP KENYON ARENA, where the men's and women's teams dropped just two games (vs. 27 wins) all year. (See also Chip, The)

Jeffs, Lord
AS IN AMHERST, the men's opponent in the final of the Middlebury Holiday Classic. The Panthers won the title match, 4–1, while goalie Doug Raeder '09 won MVP honors.

Kill, Penalty
AT A .955 CLIP, the women's penalty kill mark was the nation's best.

LaFreniere, Eric
THE JUNIOR'S TWO POWER-PLAY GOALS against UMass-Dartmouth in the NCAA quarterfinals powered the Panthers to a 3–1 victory.

Maldonano, Sam
THE MIDDLEBURY SOPHOMORE was one of 10 Panthers who served as volunteer mentors at the Ripton Elementary School. (See also Hunt, Darwin)

Norberts, St.
THE MEN'S OPPONENT in the national title game. Final score: 3–0.

Oh
AS IN 0–1, the men's record in overtime this year. (The Panthers fell to Norwich, 4–3, on February 3.

Plattsburgh
THE WOMEN'S FOE in the national title game. Final: 3–1.

Quizon, Emily
THIS MIDD SENIOR tallied 21 goals and 19 assists and was named National Player of the Year by the American Hockey Association.

Record, School
WITH ITS 27–2 FINAL RECORD, the women tied the school's single-season mark, set by the 1999–2000 team.

Shootout, PrimeLink Great Northern
POTSDAM, NEW YORK, tournament won by the men in November.

Two
AS IN NUMBER OF SENIORS on the youth-laden men's squad.

Undefeated
AS IN THE MEN'S RECORD in national title games; a perfect 8–0. (See also Eight)

Velez, Gloria
THIS MIDDLEBURY SENIOR provided the margin of victory in the Panthers NCAA opening round win over Manhattan, scoring Midd's fourth goal in what would be a 4–3 win.

Wins
AND A LOT OF 'EM—53, to be precise, between the men's and women's teams.

X-factor
OK, WE MADE THIS UP. But we had to find some way to get in this odd fact: In the title game, the Midd women scored three goals via a power play, a penalty shot, and while short handed.

Young
ONE ADJECTIVE TO DESCRIBE THE MEN'S TEAM, which featured 17 sophomores and first-years. (See also Two)

Zero
GOALS ALLOWED by netminder Doug Raeder '09 in the national championship game.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JORDAN SILVERMAN

Renaissance Man

Mathematician Steve Abbott has found himself at the intersection of art and science.

By Elisabeth Crean

"What's more romantic than gravity?" Tess, a smart-as-a-whip physics major, is supposed to be tutoring James, a scientifically challenged actor prepping for a big role as Albert Einstein, but what's occurring right now is more akin to flirting than instructing. "The idea that two bodies are being pulled together by an invisible force," she purrs. "It's incredible."

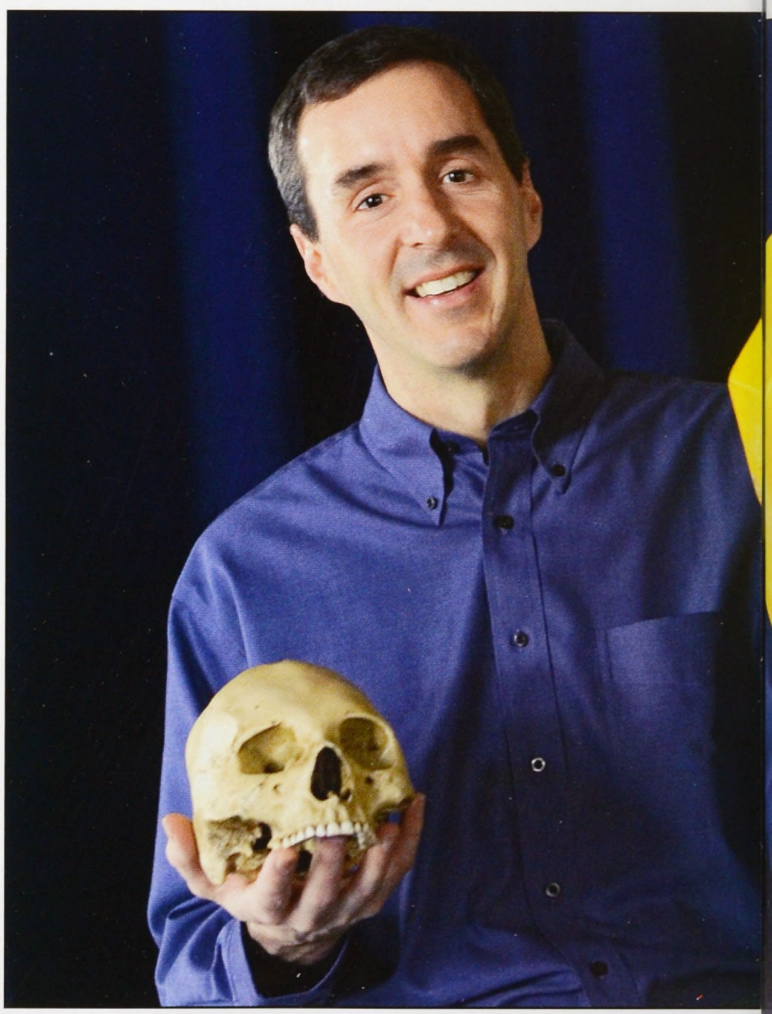
Tess is actually a character, played by Sarah Jameson '06, in *Einstein's Limitations*, a charming short play penned by Aaron Gensler '08 for the winter term course Writing Science for the Stage. The play is one of eight being read at a final performance on the last night of the course. Among those laughing heartily at the double entendres (think Big Bang) is the guitarist for the Faculty Lounge, an ad hoc band hammering out thematically appropriate tunes to segue into the readings. He is Stephen Abbott, associate professor of mathematics and co-instructor for the course.

Watching this raucously energetic event, one wonders how the soft-spoken mathematician found himself amid the footlights and greasepaint of the stage, teaching a playwriting class, no less. Abbott's cross-disciplinary journey parallels the story of *Einstein's Limitations* somewhat, minus the flirting, of course, and the apple-thrown-to-the-head demonstration of Newtonian principles. It's a compelling example of two bodies being pulled together by an invisible force.

About ten years ago, theater professor Cheryl Faraone was directing a production of Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* and was looking for someone to explain the play's mathematical allusions to her cast. She contacted the math department, and Abbott volunteered to coach the students. He found *Arcadia* intoxicating.

"It absolutely knocked me out on all levels," he says. "The entire process of theater lit up in my mind. . . . And it was really exciting to have a specialty that was of some use to a production." Math and science—from simple algebra and fractals to thermodynamics and quantum physics—are integral to the storytelling in many of Stoppard's plays, and *Arcadia* started a Stoppard reading frenzy for Abbott. At the same time, a rush of new works, like Michael Frayn's *Copenhagen* (about nuclear physics and the scientists who first developed the atomic bomb) and David Auburn's *Proof* (involving a complex mathematical theorem), also drew Abbott in.

"The vortex that is formed



THE SCIENCE OF THE STAGE Finding commonalities between a skull (think *Hamlet*) and a dodecahedron, Abbott explains that both scientists and artists are looking for connections and truths and patterns in the world.

Photograph by Dennis Curran

at the intersection of math and art overwhelmed my pathetic defenses," he chuckles. With the enthusiastic support of theater colleagues, Abbott began teaching courses, writing essays, giving lectures, and attending conferences—venturing into uncharted interdisciplinary territory and breaching ancient academic walls between science and art.

Abbott's foray into theater isn't as much of a stretch as one may think. His father was an English professor at Davidson College, where he specialized in modern drama and directed community theater productions. As a student at Colgate, Abbott began to read religion and philosophy texts the way he read mathematical theorems—"looking for the axioms and looking for the structure of the arguments," he explains. "This taught me that intelligence or passion for learning isn't discipline specific. I think these subjects have a great deal more in common than we give them credit for."

After collaborating on *Arcadia*, Faraone and Abbott taught a winter term course called Stoppard, Science and Spirituality. It became an invigorating cross-disciplinary exercise for everyone involved. "We had math kids and science students who had never read any of these plays, and we had the theater kids who were avoiding the math and science buildings with amazing determination," Abbott recalls. "It was a great meeting of the minds."

> **"We were laying down the track right as the train was hitting it."**

For his part, Abbott would set up labs on natural selection or would lecture on number theory, always relating it to the specific plays the class was reading, Faraone says. The professors subsequently developed another course, Science as Art in Contemporary Theater, which they taught in 2004 and plan to teach again in 2007.

Inspired by the Stoppard class, Abbott wrote an essay for *Math Horizons*, a journal of the Mathematical Association of America; it was the first of four such articles he has published. In the essays, Abbott's humor is charmingly self-deprecating; in one he finds himself to be the metaphorical kid in the theatrical candy store, where not all the jars are labeled legibly for the mathematician. But the insight is spot on. In "Turning Theorems into Plays: The Meaning of Mathematics in the Writing of Tom Stoppard," Abbott concludes that "mathematics and art and science and poetry are related in ways we do not acknowledge and ultimately matter greatly in the way we choose to understand ourselves."

A corollary to this became part of the ambitious mission for Writing Science for the Stage—"science and theater have a great deal to offer each other in their respective searches for truth." Abbott designed and taught the course with playwright Dana Yeaton; each discovered a passionate interest in the perspective offered by the other's discipline. "There are real similarities in the ways artists and scientists think, to the extent that they both observe and draw inferences from what they see," Yeaton says. And Abbott notes, "Scientists are looking for connections and truths and patterns in the world, and that's what artists are doing."

During the term, eight students—evenly mixed between theater and science backgrounds—read several plays, did a handful of lab experiments, and wrote three 10-minute works. Abbott says it was an exhilarating and fast-paced challenge and admits that the teachers had to improvise along the way. "We were laying down the track right as the train was hitting it," he says.

"It took everyone out of their comfort zone," says Aaron Gensler '08, "The teachers, too." Yeaton agrees: "We were essentially students in our own class, willing to say the wrong thing, willing to hazard a guess." Watching the teachers venture outside their areas of expertise motivated the students to risk "neck exposure" in their work, according to Abbott, who was "dazzled by what they did."

On performance night, there are truly lyrical moments. In junior Tad Davenport's sophisticated meditation on relativity, *Angled Slices*, the world-weary Lady Jay says, "There will always be regrets. I just decided to live the life I'd regret least."

The camaraderie that Abbott remembers from his father's theater productions is also in evidence as the professors and students huddle to debrief after the readings. Clearly, something special has taken place. Abbott muses a few weeks later, "Math classes usually don't end with everybody hugging."

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Stop the Presses!

The *Middlebury Campus* marks 101 years of headlines and deadlines.

BY SARAH TUFF '95

TUESDAY EVENING IS WANING ON THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS, and most students are quietly tucking in for the night, scurrying across the slippery paths to their dorms while a thin February snow swirls around them. But in the newsroom of the *Middlebury Campus*, it's crunch time.

The cacophony of an impromptu soccer match among the sports editors sends news editor Katie Flagg '08—on the phone with a source for a sensitive story that's set to run in the current edition—fleeing for cover in a quiet corner. There's still no sign of Vlad Lodoaba '06, the Red Bull chugging photo editor from Romania. And the pizza place no longer delivers late—or at least not late enough for the tastes of the two dozen staffers, many of whom will be here until 5:30 A.M.

"Wow," says managing editor Tom Drescher '06 as he snaps his cell phone shut, ending the call with Neil and Otto's Pizza. "My world just turned upside down."

Actually, it's always been a bit topsy-turvy in the world of the *Campus*. For 101 years, the College's paper of record has kept the pulse of Middlebury, often pulling emergency-room hours to puzzle the news together. From drafting ads for fountain pens in 1909 to covering Route 7 protests in 1969 to passing on editing advice to the class of 2009, the newsroom has been a hive of activity for generations of students. "It looks great on a résumé, but that can't be the main reason to put so much time into this," says editor in chief Caroline Stauffer '06. "It's about finding a balance between fun and hard work and pride in the product that we put out."

When the *Campus* debuted in 1905, it was a quarterly replacement for the *Undergraduate*, which was founded in 1837 but went bankrupt in 1902. The new *Campus,* declared the editors in Vol. 1, No. 1, would cover some alumni news, but it would focus primarily on, well, the campus. "In brief, we hope to cover the entire field of college activity," the editors wrote. By 1920, the paper had gone weekly, a frequency that has been maintained to the current day, save for student breaks and summer recess.

"The *Campus* was the first organized place I ever got into writing," says Walter Mears '56, the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter who covered 11 presidential campaigns while working for the Associated Press for more than 40 years. "It was my journalism school."

Mears was editor in chief of the *Campus* his senior year and, like the current staff,

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BLACK AND WHITE AND READ ALL OVER
An editor's job—rewriting copy, brainstorming headlines—can be a thankless one, so the *Campus* staff makes do with its own support group.

labored on Tuesdays to close the paper—which had just eight pages. Today, it tops out at 28 pages, which requires more than two dozen editors to cut and paste copy, fact-check stories, trim photos, and brainstorm headlines. Their newsroom actually consists of two adjacent rooms in the underbelly of Hepburn Hall, where exposed pipes crisscross the ceiling above a bevy of

Macintosh computers. The walls are painted a robin's-egg blue, a color said to induce tranquility. But when you tack said walls with newspaper clippings, bottle caps, and "Top 30 Facts about Chuck Norris," well, anything goes.

The rhythm of interaction is oceanic, with cresting waves of laughter and deep troughs of silence. The clock ticks. Stauffer twirls her red pen, engrossed in the tone of an editorial.

Stauffer acknowledges that balancing the paper's constituencies—especially now that it's read online—can be challenging. "We recognize that we are funded to some extent by the administration," she says. "But we're still trying to keep our journalistic integrity, and we certainly will print stories that are more negative and critical of the administration."

The *Campus* has long been fundamental in inciting change—while sometimes igniting tempers. In 1954, the paper pushed for a coeducational student government; a 1974 editorial applauded the Vermont Bar Association's vote to recommend the legalization of marijuana; in 1997, the editorial board challenged readers to think about how the new Commons system would alter Middlebury's character. Indeed, the newspaper has tackled a litany of difficult issues over the years—racial tension, student drinking, illegal drug use, and grade inflation, to name a few.

Having students' voices heard inspired Jake Kuipers '06, the current opinions editor, to join the staff during his first semester at Middlebury. "I liked the idea of creating a forum for student discussion," he says, armed with an apple, a banana, and a raspberry Snapple for the task of fine-tuning the forum for print.

Kuipers eventually leaves to gather photos and quotes to illustrate the week's poll question—whether the men's swim team was justly punished for drinking violations (its season was canceled). Associate editor Andrea LaRocca '06 wanders in, spooning chocolate ice cream from a paper cup; fellow associate editor Dan Phillips has also just reappeared with Dunkin' Donuts coffee, Power-C Vitamin Water, and cold medicine. The ebb and flow of people—as many as 15 will fill the subterranean quarters at any point during the night—hardly impedes the progress of those staring at computer screens; in fact, the slight chaos amplifies the creativity.

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"It can get crazy at night because people get tired," says sports editor Tom McCann '06. "So we try to keep it as lighthearted and entertaining as we can."

McCann and fellow sports editors Zamir Ahmed '08—writing a last-minute article on the men's squash team—and Ryan Reese '06 are all clad in sports jerseys; Reese also wears a batting helmet and baseball glove. Arts editor Joyce Man '06 wears heeled boots to go with her "Midd Girls Rock" T-shirt, gold hoop earrings, and pastel knit scarf. The snippets of conversation are just as eclectic, from children's book character Amelia Bedelia and Olympic snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis to nontransparent judicial hearings and the correct verb to go with abortion.

It's this unsupervised atmosphere, says Mears, that makes the *Campus* one of the best places to learn real-life journalism skills. "You're not dealing with theory—you can't get a faculty member to tell you how to do it; you just do it," he says. "There's no safety net, basically. It's tough in a way, but it pays off."

Only Drescher and Stauffer receive a small stipend for their work on the *Campus*; the rest of the staff will never see a nickel from their long nights in the newsroom.

So the payoff will come in the form of slap-happy camaraderie as the clock ticks past midnight, in the shared anguish of trying to stay awake during classes on Wednesday, and in the tangible feel of newsprint on Thursday, when the paper will come out and the process will begin again.

But for now, there is the pizza, which arrives too early. As always, the *Campus* will adjust.

Despite the allure of pizza, the Campus *hours were too late for Sarah Tuff '95, who focused on creative writing and got away with making up stories while at Midd.*

Priority Number One

Improving the College's financial aid program

By President Ronald D. Liebowitz

The College's strategic planning process is in the homestretch. In February, the Board of Trustees heard presentations from members of the planning committee and then discussed the draft plan over the course of its weekend meetings. Following some time for further community and board feedback during this spring, the trustees will be asked to endorse the plan at or before their May meetings on campus.

The process leading up to the drafting of the plan took a full year, and involved more than 120 students, faculty, and staff, who participated on numerous task forces, each of which focused on a particular issue or challenge facing the College. The task forces, which represented the first stage of the planning process, submitted collectively more than 200 recommendations to the planning committee, following five months of work. The planning committee sorted through and discussed the task force reports and their recommendations and eventually, after seven months of deliberations, presented a draft report to the trustees and to the Middlebury community.

The draft plan includes 82 recommendations that address a wide range of subjects and areas central to our mission. The single highest priority in the plan is the recommended enhancement of the College's financial aid program. Students, faculty, and staff strongly believe this should be the number one priority. The great majority of surveys the planning committee circulated on campus last year, and the majority of the four thousand alumni surveys submitted to the planning committee, made the same recommendation. This may seem odd, as Middlebury's admissions and need-based financial aid program is one of fewer than 30 in the entire country that admits its students regardless of their ability to pay the College's comprehensive fee, and then meets the full demonstrated need of those admitted students. In addition, the average grant awarded to those who qualify for financial aid, was, in 2005, approximately $25,000. Then why, you may ask, is financial aid identified as the leading priority in the plan?

First, as a practical matter, over the past five years, the leading colleges and universities in the country have made two significant changes in their need-based financial aid programs that have a direct bearing on Middlebury's ability to compete for the very best students. The first change, led by Princeton and then followed by many of the Ivy League schools, Williams, and Amherst, reduced or eliminated altogether the loan portion of their need-based financial aid awards for students whose family income is below a certain threshold (most commonly $40,000). This change addressed the large indebtedness many students incur during their four years of college. The institutions that have introduced these changes represent seven of Middlebury's 10 largest admissions overlap schools—the colleges and universities to which applicants to Middlebury also apply. Thus, when students who receive financial aid choose among many of the most selective schools in the country and Middlebury, they know that choosing Middlebury will leave them with far more debt upon graduation than choosing one of the other top schools that might have also accepted them.

The second—and from a philosophical point of view

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perhaps more important—change many of the most selective schools have made in their financial aid packages has been an aggressive recruitment of underrepresented groups in an effort to address the widening disparity between those who are being referred to as society's "haves" and "have-nots." The elite institutions, because of their special place in American society, have the ability to create opportunities for upward mobility like few other institutions. By recruiting and matriculating underrepresented students, these colleges and universities can play a leading role in reducing the opportunity gap that, according to many recent studies, has widened appreciably during the past decade. Most elite private institutions currently enroll a greater number of students who pay full tuition than who receive financial aid—a rather astounding statistic when the average comprehensive cost of these colleges and universities has surpassed $40,000 per year. If colleges and universities did not pursue this kind of initiative to reach out to those talented students with less financial means, they would be contributing to the growth of an underclass rather than using their great influence to increase opportunities to those in greatest need. In the long term, outreach of this kind will contribute positively to the country's competitiveness and overall well-being, and will bring to campus exceptionally talented students who previously would have never had the opportunity to study at the leading institutions.

Improving Middlebury's financial aid program will also help it achieve the important goal of matriculating a diverse student body, broadly defined, principally to provide the richest learning environment for our students. With the cost of private higher education what it is, the absence of a generous and competitive financial aid program would necessarily lead to a student body that is well off financially and socioeconomically homogeneous, the results of which will limit what our students can learn from one another as they confront difference. A student body that reflects the diversity of our country—indeed the world—in terms of its socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, geographical, and intellectual diversity would enable and indeed force students to engage and consider issues from multiple perspectives and thereby provide a richer educational experience that they will value their entire lives.

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Middlebury has actually been ahead of the curve in this particular area, especially with regard to internationalizing its student body. During the past 25 years, Middlebury's student body has become far more diverse by virtually all measures, and our students have benefited from the change. In 1980, 5 percent of the students were either international students or American students of color (using the federal government's definition, which includes Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latinos/Latinas). Today, approximately 27 percent of the College's student body falls into these two categories, with international students accounting for more than 10 percent of Middlebury's 2,350 students.

Specific initiatives, such as the Posse Program, which brings, on average, ten students per class from inner city schools to Middlebury, and the United World College Scholars Programs, which brings approximately 25 students per class from around the world to campus, have diversified the student body and brought a wide range of experiences and perspectives to our classrooms, residence halls, and everyday interactions on campus. Most of the elite schools are now increasing their efforts to recruit international and other previously underrepresented groups to their campuses in an effort to create the best learning environments. We need to stay ahead of the curve among the elite schools, which, for us, means in particular increasing the number of African Americans and students from lower and middle class backgrounds. By offering more generous and competitive financial aid awards, along with other innovative approaches to recruiting, the College will matriculate more students from these underrepresented groups, which will further enrich the atmosphere for learning.

To learn more about Middlebury's strategic plan, visit: go.middlebury.edu/planning/

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By Karl Lindholm '67

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Though stationed far from the battlefield, psychologist Jon Coffin '67 mans a front line as perilous as any found in Iraq or Afghanistan.

For many National Guard soldiers, he's the first person they see when they return home.

The Mind of The Warrior

"Before he went to Iraq, he lived in a trailer in Enosburg Falls and was driving a bread truck."

Jon Coffin '67 is talking about a soldier in the Vermont National Guard.

"In Iraq, he's a team leader, making decisions about a three-mile-long convoy. He's responsible for millions of dollars in equipment, with lives on the line.

"When he comes back to Vermont, the biggest decision he'll make is which Champlain Farms store gets their bread first. He's had no contact with his wife and kids for a year, used the f-word in every conversation. He feels like he's spent a year on the moon. Now you tell me if there are going to be 'readjustment issues.'"

The *New York Times* has called it "guarding the couch"—what occurs when National Guard soldiers return to the States from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan—and Coffin, the staff psychologist for the Vermont National Guard, is often the first person these soldiers see when they arrive at what has become another front line, this one on domestic soil.

During the past 18 months, Coffin has conducted "critical incident stress debriefings," either by himself or with a small team he leads, for more than 1,100 Vermont National Guard soldiers.

Before returning home, most soldiers pass through army posts around the country, and Coffin has conducted these debriefings in Colorado, Georgia, New York, New Jersey, and Mississippi with soldiers returned from yearlong duty in the Middle East. Many of the soldiers in the Vermont Guard have been in areas of fierce fighting. In Iraq, Vermont guardsmen are largely stationed in Ramadi, the site of the Sunni insurgency's greatest strength. Some 1,200 Vermont National Guard members—42 percent of its total—have served in the Iraq war, with at least one person coming from 200 of the 255 towns in the state. Vermont is second only to Hawaii in the per capita number of guard and reserve units sent to the war, and the state has the highest per capita number of deaths. (There is a sense expressed by some in Vermont that the state's National Guard has been assigned a disproportionate share of dangerous duty.)

Six Vermont guardsmen have died in Iraq—including two killed during the same week in September. At present, the Vermont National Guard has about 400 soldiers on active duty in Iraq, 100 in Afghanistan, and 600 in Kuwait.

"What we try to do in our debriefings," Coffin explains, "is reframe the chaos, confusion, and ambivalence of their experience into a recognition and appreciation that they did a good job in an arena they never dreamed of. When we see them, they have just been on a plane for 20 hours with a lump in their throat, coming home, thinking, How am I going to do this?"

Some units come home intact; others come back in "dribs and drabs." Coffin has had as many as 35 returning guardsmen in the room with him and as few as three.

The soldiers that he meets are so-called "weekend warriors"—teachers, cops, salesmen, shopkeepers—from all corners of the state, from ages 19–47. Coffin is the first person they see when they step onto U.S. soil, and for three or four hours, reluctantly at first, these soldiers share what it has been like to live in a war zone—and why they are so anxious about their homecoming.

"I give a little speech at the outset about why this session is a good idea," he says. "I tell them, 'No cell phones, no one leaves, and what is said here stays here. We know there's a lot on your mind about your reunion.'"

Then he asks the guys in the back to move up. They do it. Not only is he a psychologist, he's also a colonel.

"Everybody wants to sit in the back." Coffin softly chuckles. "These are not guys who have been in group therapy. They haven't exactly plumbed the depths of their psychological inventory. There is so much energy in the room. They have had to be so vigilant in the past few months that they glow in the dark. They've drawn on every bit of reserve they have."

A typical session goes somewhat like this: Coffin will ask three sets of basic questions. The first set is obvious and introductory: Who are you, what was your specialty, and what did you end up doing?

"They're all 'justa' soldiers," he explains. "The tell me they were 'justa' gunner, 'justa' driver, 'justa' platoon leader. They all do it. It's basically a form of survivor guilt. I get them to drop the 'justa' right away. There's nothing 'justa' about what they're doing over there.

"One guy's finger was still on the trigger. Literally, his finger was twitching. He was 'justa' gunner. Another was 'justa' medic, and he had been in two major incidents. In one, he had his hand in a wounded soldier's chest, keeping him alive, massaging his heart."

Most of these soldiers were not doing what they were trained to do. They found themselves in urban house-to-house expeditionary close-quarter operations. It's very intense and dangerous work, and they are so far from their native landscape."

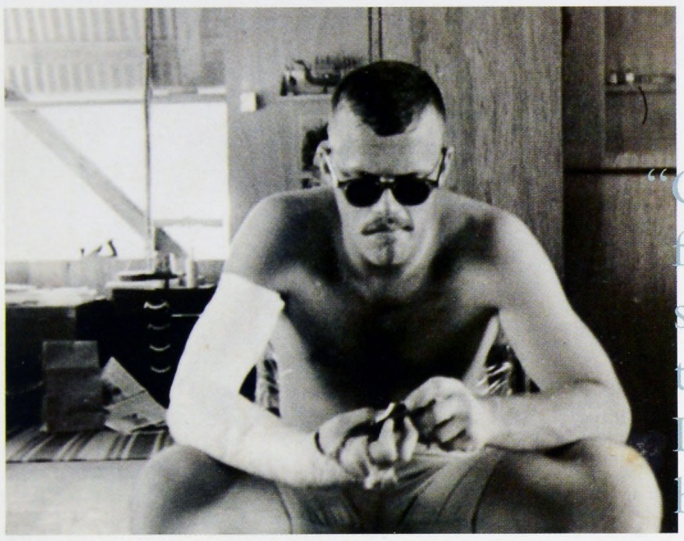
The second set of questions Coffin will ask is, What was your first thought, what were your feelings, when you got off the plane in the United States?

"After I ask this question, there's a lot of talk about the 'satisfaction of primitive urges,'" he explains. "They want to get drunk and get laid. Right or wrong, this is probably the first time in the history of warfare that soldiers are without these options. [Because Iraq's a Muslim country] they haven't had anything to drink for a year.

"Then they get into serious concerns about going back to work at home, anxiety about marriage and family. A soldier coming back to a job he hates or a troubled relationship has a lot on his mind."

Generally, Coffin finds that the returning soldiers are not aware of how wound up they are. "The challenge is for them to come down from that and descend to a more worldly level of functioning," he says. "Some express a sense of dread at going back to their other lives. They have a hard time slowing it up enough to return to their jobs and communicate with their loved ones. They are concerned about leaving their brothers- and sisters-in-arms. Many worry that they will be a guest in their own homes, that spouses and partners have taken over, found their own resources, and they wonder, Where do I fit in? *Do* I fit in?

"So we encourage them to take another look at their lives and relationships, to see this wartime experience as a jumping-off



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CITIZEN SOLDIER
Coffin (top and far left) was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the army in 1968. He commanded a listening post in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

point, maybe using some of the educational benefits they have accumulated, or getting marital counseling, or buying a home, or moving to a place they've always wanted to live."

The third set of questions is the most difficult: What was the hardest thing for you over there? If your tour were a series of photographs, are there any that you'd like to leave here and not take home, put in a separate pocket, or share one last time with others in your platoon?

"Our hope," Coffin says, "is that at least 20 percent of their experience overseas, they'll leave behind right here at glorious Camp Shelby (or Fort Benning or Fort Dix).

"One soldier said his hardest time was the night he used all of the rounds in his M79 (a grenade launcher) and wondered how many civilians he had killed. Another described people throwing their kids under the wheels of his vehicle in order to get compensation. Others mourned the loss of friends in battle. Anybody in charge talked about being afraid they would get someone killed . . . hating the sleeplessness, the waiting for everyone to get back from an operation.

"Some don't talk about the trauma of war at all, but lament the mere fact that they had no personal space. The heat is a huge factor. One guy talked about the time he forgot to hydrate, got caught short, became, as he put it, 'a little dehydrated,' and drank 17 liters of water in three hours."

Coffin explains that these are soldiers attracted to the "black-and-white view of duty, honor, service." Once overseas, on duty, they are confronted with a year of "in-your-face grayness," and the desert becomes an appropriate metaphor.

COFFIN IS A PLEASANT GUY. He maintains an inviting and reassuring demeanor, and he greets all comers warmly with large gestures—a smile and a hug or a firm handshake. He looks people in the eye. He speaks deliberately, choosing his words carefully with diction that is colorful, metaphoric. His descriptions of his work are punctuated with a cackle of a laugh. Yet while his manner is informal, it is also intimate and serious.

He's a big man, quite fit at 60, and with his bald head, he looks a lot like Mr. Clean. He stays in shape, he says, by doing push-ups, sit-ups, and running, and he's drawn to the martial arts, having achieved some years ago a second-level black belt in moo gong do. For the past ten years he has studied tai chi under master Bob Boyd in Burlington.

He is about 25 pounds *under* his playing weight when he was a football player at Middlebury in the 1960s, because, he says, "it's important to me to meet the army physical fitness standards, and that gets harder every year." He is worried now because his two-mile time is only 36 seconds above the minimum.

Past the age of retirement, he was recently encouraged to reenlist for two more years in the Guard. His boss, Colonel Jon Farnham, the deputy chief of staff for personnel in the Vermont Guard, explains that this extension necessitated special permission from Washington. "The timing was not right for him to retire," Farnham says. "He's having a tremendous impact."

Farnham believes that Coffin has a gift for the work. "He is very good in this macho military world at erasing the stigma of coming forward and sharing emotions. He's taking us to new places. He's mentored folks in the field. He's a good leader."

Conducting debriefings at army posts around the country is only part of what Coffin does as the Guard's staff psychologist. At home here in Vermont, he sees wives, mothers, children, friends, soldiers returning, soldiers leaving, anyone who is in need of support. "I get up to 40 e-mails a day about army business," he says.

When asked where these referrals come from, he responds drolly, "Friends, Romans, countrymen. All over. Everywhere. What I encourage, beg, beseech people to do is to stop by for a four-session interlude at the Vet Center in Burlington. Often I meet them for coffee at the Vet Center, itself. It's a great place, with a big Welcome Home sign up over the door."

In his debriefings and in conversations with the families and friends of soldiers, Coffin introduces the stumbling blocks that may be encountered as soldiers return home—the difficulty they have sleeping, the problems communicating their military experience, "the feelings of agitation and anomie. We tell them to expect these responses and come to us, and we'll help fix them."

At Middlebury, Coffin enrolled in ROTC for the required two years and then volunteered for two more, graduating in 1968 as a second lieutenant. His plan was to enter the infantry and command a platoon in Vietnam. Instead he was assigned to the Signal Corps, commanding a listening post in Thailand, and not to combat infantry duty in the jungles of Vietnam.

Yet the experience of Vietnam is never far from the consciousness of Coffin and others in the military. The image of the neglected Vietnam veteran, the Vietnam vet abused by an unappreciative public, the Vietnam veteran left entirely to his own devices after a traumatic wartime experience, is an unfortunate legacy of that war and informs the commitment to do things differently, better, this time.

GUARDING THE COUCH
Soldiers who had been involved in fierce firefights with Iraqi insurgents earlier in the month return to a world that has largely gone on without them.

During the Vietnam War, the National Guard and the reserves were havens from service overseas. The political volatility of the times, the scale of the opposition to the war, rendered a general call-up of the Guard and reserves unthinkable, politically impossible. By 1967, there were few Guard or reserve units with openings. The draft was a more reliable way to recruit soldiers. The average age of soldiers in Vietnam was 19.

In Iraq, nearly 40 percent of the American forces are reservists and Guard members. The average age is 27. Many of these soldiers enlisted in the National Guard to serve their states, never expecting to go to war.

When he was their age, Coffin recalls, "I came home to a bar stool. When I returned from Southeast Asia, I was sitting in a bar

"It has taken me down to the most basic level of my life. There have been times in our post-debriefing meetings when we have all wept," Coffin says. "I have felt like throwing up. I was worried that I was 'going over the falls.'"

by myself within 32 hours after a steak dinner with peas and potatoes at Oakland Air Force base, and a discharge. The only follow-up I had was a dental appointment. Not a great scenario.

"We have a number of 'follow-on' activities for people now. People come in for 'tune-ups.' We haven't had the nightmare situation we had in Vietnam, and a lot of that may have to do with what we're doing, which is to put an emotional container around people where they feel cared for and get a chance to air some things out. They know we're here for them."

Though his work with the guard has demanded much of Coffin's time, he somehow maintains a civilian job as an alcohol counselor and head of outpatient services at the Howard Center, the large public mental health agency in Burlington, where his civilian boss considers him an "unsung hero." ("Jon has a tenacious belief in the citizen-soldier," says Todd Centybear, the executive director of the Howard Center. "This work is a calling for Jon, and it's work that we need to be doing too, serving the community.")

Yet Coffin doesn't see himself as a hero. The heroes, he believes, are the citizen-soldiers he counsels.

"It has taken me down to the most basic level of my life. There have been times in our post-debriefing meetings when we have all wept," he says. "I have felt like throwing up. I was worried that I was 'going over the falls.' It's such an intense and intimate setting. Just in these three hours or so, we form a bond of our own."

After conducting debriefing sessions at army bases around the country, Coffin will find himself going to the airport, on his own volition, when he hears that soldiers are returning home. "I find now I can't stay away from the plane when soldiers come back to Vermont," he says. "They shake hands with the governor and the commanding officer of the Vermont Guard, and then some of them seek me out and say, 'thanks for coming.'

"I believe we're in the right place. I'm stunned by the amount of emotion we've encountered, not surprised, but the velocity of it is humbling. I love to watch the guys come through the door at the airport in Burlington, though some come home and there's no one there, and I worry about them.

"And I find I do sit in my office at work waiting for the next 'killed in action' phone call."

Karl Lindholm '67 is the dean of advising and assistant professor of American civilization at Middlebury. He served as a medic in the Army Reserves from 1967–73 and teaches a course at Middlebury on the literature of the Vietnam War. Jon Coffin is a frequent visitor to class.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

[Bee Ottinger '70, Photographer and video editor]
In all likelihood, you've seen Bee Ottinger's work before. Perhaps it was the music video for Jennifer Lopez's "Ain't It Funny." Or maybe it was the Chrysler ad featuring Celine Dion. She says her work as a commercial and video editor has allowed her to "work on things that people actually [see]—and to earn a living." But she's also a born photographer, with a keen eye for her surroundings. The subject matter, she says, is her life—her pets, her family, her home. She snapped these photos while walking her dog in her hometown of Pasadena. As she contemplates retirement, Ottinger says that her latest photographs have been about finding some peace in a busy world.

In this magazine, four times a year, we bring you stories of Middlebury alumni. Though often accompanied by striking photography, it is generally prose that illuminates the thoughts, feelings, achievements, and challenges that are germane to our profile subjects.

A few months ago, someone on the editorial staff posed the following question at a brainstorming question: What about turning the camera around and showing what a Middlebury alum sees?

At present, Middlebury alumni live in all 50 states, 109 countries, and on every continent, save Antarctica. Moreover, the lives they live are rich and varied. How fun would it be, we thought, to get a glimpse of their lives, through their own eyes?

So, to capture a sense of what being a Middlebury alum must be like, we chose a random day—February 15—and asked a scattering of alums to grab a camera and show us what they saw.

Our subjects were in Los Angeles; Santiago, Chile; a small town in Alaska; Santa Fe; Barcelona; New York; Tokyo; and Singapore. Everyone featured was going about his or her daily routine.

And this is what they saw.

[Jason Toh '01, Museum Curator]
This year, the National Museum of Singapore will reopen after an extensive three-year renovation and redevelopment project. Toh, an assistant curator at the museum, snapped this shot while touring the construction site.

[Cynthia Bear '72, Financial Executive]
A financial executive based in Japan, Cynthia Bear captured the above scenes while walking through her neighborhood of Azabujuban in central Tokyo. She admits she had some help. Unable to locate a camera on the day in question, Bear had a photographer—Kerry Raftis—in tow to snap the pics.

[Heather Vuillet Lende '81, Journalist]
Journalist Heather Lende snapped this shot while walking her dog in her hometown of Haines, Alaska. Lende is a newspaper columnist and radio commentator, as well as the author of the recent book If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name.

[Janet Tennyson, M.A. Spanish '95, Teacher]
Above: Janet Tennyson lives in Barcelona, just steps from the Hospital de Sant Pau. Designed by the Catalán architect Domenech i Montaner, the hospital is one of many exquisite works of Modernist art and architecture Tennyson encounters on a daily basis.

[Scott Jones '91, Self-employed]
Left: Scott Jones lives in Santiago, Chile, where he operates a tourism company (Chilean Special Journeys) that offers comprehensive tours of the South American country. When he's in the office, Scott usually commutes on his bicycle.

[Lindsey Whitton '05, Teacher]
As a student, Lindsey Whitton was an editorial assistant at Middlebury Magazine; *one of the founding editors of* Also, The Middlebury Campus Magazine; *and a history major, graduating with high honors. She is now in her first year as a Teach for America fellow, teaching sixth and seventh grade in Spanish Harlem in New York.*

[Megan Michelson '04, Writer]
Megan Michelson, an editorial assistant with Outside *magazine in Santa Fe, New Mexico, begins her day at the breakfast table (above), where she devours the day's (or month's) news. Along her walk to work each day, she passes Rachel's Corner, a roadside chili truck (top). "Chili in New Mexico is like maple syrup in Vermont," she says.*

On Tap

SUGARING—the process of making maple syrup—is a springtime ritual in these parts. During a recent season, environmental studies majors RICHARD ROOT '06 and HARRY KAHN '05 decided to join the fray.

Operating a sugarhouse they made themselves, Root and Kahn learned about sugaring, land use, and forestry, but they also acquired something far greater—a sense of place.

BY RICHARD ROOT '06

ILLUSTRATION BY MARY AZARIAN

The following is excerpted from Root's senior project, "Faith in a Landscape: A Personal History of Home."

Having just loaded the arch with another round of wood, I push the right-hand firing door closed, slip my now hot gloves off, and walk out into the woodshed to cool off. The arch is instantly roaring hot as the draft is restored and the flames and heat are drawn into the flues of the back pan. Having not been outside since coming in from gathering an hour or so ago, I'm surprised by how much cooler it is now.

It has been a long day. We'd had a wicked run right from about 10 A.M. on, and now, the thermometer at about 25 degrees, and the forecast calling for it to get up into the low 40s again tomorrow, it seemed that things were lining up for another day. Harry's on his way back to camp to get something for supper—we hadn't originally planned on eating out at the sugarhouse.

I brush some wood chips off the chopping block and sit down. The sun's been down for about a half-hour now and the heat that I've built up throughout the day is now quickly being pulled out. I shiver and hunch up my shoulders, stretching my feet out, and leaning my back into the sugarhouse wall. As I am staring at the woodpile, I notice we've already burned off a full two rows.

Behind me, the evaporator continues to get louder. The flames are just now getting up through that layer of fresh fuel and the front pan is responding by coming to a hard boil. The front pan and the back pan make two distinct sounds when they're both going at full tilt, and I can now hear them both. The back pan sends out a deep boiling roar as the sap is driven into a mad foaming frenzy by the intense heat coming off the drop flues. The flat front pan sends up sheets of small tight bubbles that together create a clamoring high-pitched din.

We like to run our evaporator with just over an inch of sap in the pans. That gives us a good quick boil and still leaves just enough sap so that we aren't at an immediate risk of burning the pan if the level were to drop rapidly. Some sugar-makers run their evaporators with as little as three-quarters or, at the very least, a half inch of sap in them. But that's too close for comfort for me. When Harry and I are really trying to move off some sap, we'll let her slip under an inch, but only if the both of us are right there watching. If a sudden spike in heat or a drop in the inflow rate occurs, you've got to be right on top of it or, at the very least, your syrup will take on a scorched flavor. At worst, the pans could burn, and your season would be over.

The sap should need a skimming by now, I think to myself, and ease up off the block. The flue pan is boiling especially hard at the moment, and large puffs of foam are wafting upwards. I skim both pans, flinging the light brown scum onto the ground below the arch. The foam in the back pan continues to be unruly and threatens to spill over the sides of the pan. I put a tiny drop of defoamer into the middle of it and it drops instantly.

Surface tension on the boiling sap causes that layer of foam to accumulate. When a drop of it is in the sap, it keeps down every bit of foam for about 25 or 30 minutes, before it wears off. But some foam is good as it brings any dirt or gunk that might have gotten in the sap and holds it on the surface where it can be skimmed off. The old-timers used a speck of butter or hung a piece of lard over the edge of the pan. When the foam rose up, it would hit the fat and drop right back down.

Hot again from standing over the evaporator I put on my hat and go back out into the now nearly dark night. Sitting on the block I look back into the sugarhouse. The firebox is still roaring, but it will need another round of wood in a few minutes.

There's a crack in the front casting of our arch, and because it stays closed up tight when it's cold, I don't recall even noticing it up until the first time we fired the rig. Now with the arch up to full temperature that "crack" is a gaping quarter-inch gash split right through the top rail above the left-hand firing door. Although I'd rather the darn thing wasn't there, its width lets us know just how hot the arch is running.

I pick up our small kindling ax, thumb its edge—still keen—and turn upright a slab of hemlock lying on the ground. Being a straight-grained wood, it splits with just the gentlest touch of the blade, and the pieces pop right off as clean as shingles fall off a froe. I grab another, this one with a dark red knot on the end, and hit a line that splits straight thought the slab, following the grain right around the knot. Gathering the pieces up, I toss them on the pile by the arch.

The breeze is gently coming in from the northwest, and the thermometer has probably lost a few more degrees. It seems that March days carry on much as the seasons do during the year, and it's the passing of the spring day into evening when we're snapped from one season to another with the sharpest transition.

During the day, the temperatures venture up above freezing and soften the snow. In those places where the sun shines down upon it, meltwater is now percolating downward and gathering in loosening streams. The wet smell of spring is out, and all those working outside are rolling up their sleeves and beginning to shed their winter wear.

While gathering sap in the sugarbush on days like this, I often leave my coat on a branch near the top of the hill, my sweater over a limb about halfway down, and my hat on a hook in the sugarhouse as I round up the last of the buckets.

Once inside by a boiling arch, with all the doors in the sugarhouse open and the steam vent billowing steam into the already damp day, I'd often wish that I'd never put on my long johns and wool pants. Then, as the afternoon carries on and the early part of evening comes on, the sun will touch the top of the ridge to the west, and all that was warm and wet is seized still by the frozen snow and ground that lay untouched by the March day that is now nearly done. Back in winter now, we'd close the sugarhouse doors and sit close to the arch. 🐾

Both Root and Kahn have returned to their sugarhouse for this spring's sugar season. They set out their taps—more than 300 buckets—in early March and expect to be quite busy this month, cutting wood and boiling hundreds of gallons of sap.

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SLICE OF LIFE
Last August, Hillary Guttman '00 realized her dream of opening a bakery in her hometown of New Orleans. And then Katrina came. Photograph by Jackson Hill

Roll With It

In the wake of Katrina, a Midd alum seeks to lend a little bit of normalcy to the Big Easy.

By Jessica Thomson '00

Hillary Guttman '00 isn't sure how many muffins she had baked before she had earned enough money to complete renovations on her dream project and open Laurel Street Bakery to the public, in the summer of 2005.

She just knows that it took a lot of muffins—and bread and pastries and various other goodies—made for wholesale clients in the commercial kitchen of the bakery she purchased in early 2004 in her native New Orleans. She knows that she spent more than a year baking during the day in order to earn enough capital to fully renovate the front of the store, work that took place during the night, while the ovens in back cooled.

"At first, I put everything the bakery earned, including my salary, directly back into renovations," recalls Hillary. "The day we opened the front for retail, I had less than $100 in the bank."

Yet her depleted bank account was far from her mind when she opened the doors to Laurel Street Bakery—located just off Magazine Street in the city's Uptown district—for retail business. No, she was ebullient, thrilled that her dream had taken shape and become a reality. It was sunny and very hot that day with temperatures in the mid-90s, but that didn't stop the crowds from descending on the bakery.

It was August 9, 2005.

Three weeks later, Hurricane Katrina devastated her city.

"I had heard mutterings of a hurricane that Saturday morning, but was so consumed by the bakery that I really didn't give it much thought," says Hillary. Her landlord assured her that boarding up the building would harm the brick façade more than help it, so Hillary and her mother stacked up the furniture and locked up. "There was nothing to do then but hope it went the other way."

As it turns out, Hillary was fortunate. The bakery remained intact and she was able to return to New Orleans one month after the storm. Except for water damage and about six thousand dollars' worth of spoiled food, Laurel Street Bakery just needed a few days of serious cleaning.

Still, Hillary couldn't solve the challenge of reopening on her own. She needed supplies, which were nearly impossible to come by; most delivery trucks were stolen, looted, or reassigned to FEMA. (An empty local grocery store was open, with a sign that read,

YES, WE'RE OPEN
Hillary Guttman's New Orleans bakery reopened as soon as the city declared the water safe to drink. For several days, her place was the only place in the area serving hot coffee.

Photograph by Jackson Hill

"Take what you need.") She needed electricity. She needed clean water. And, of course, she needed customers.

Hillary remembers how the waiting game began. "I drove around the city to all of my old wholesale clients to see their damage, and no one was around, not one person. So my entire wholesale business, which I'd depended on for money, was gone."

The days crawled by as Hillary cleaned up the bakery and recruited employees. She applied for small business loans and laughed at the fact that the 14-page loan application would take three months to process.

Though she always had a thing for coffee shops, Hillary's dream of actually opening a bakery was relatively new. She had double majored in biology and studio art (an odd combination, she admits, but it balanced her interest in both tangible results and unstructured creativity) and was enrolled in a doctoral program in neuroscience at the University of Texas, when the bakery bug bit in 2002. Her daily academic routine wasn't satisfying her creative side, so she had picked up work at an Austin bakery. When she realized that she was enjoying her time baking more than her time in the lab, Hillary left graduate school and began baking full time.

She returned to her hometown, where she felt that if she combined the atmosphere of the city's best coffee shops with just-out-of-the-oven cinnamon rolls made by the same person whose smile greeted you at the door, the customers would come. And then came Katrina, and with the future of her fledgling enterprise in doubt, she wondered whether she'd have to start over again.

Eventually, the electricity came on. A few food purveyors began operating skeleton crews supplying grocery stores, and she was first in line for flour, sugar, butter, eggs, and coffee. Though she was short on money, she did have determination and a stream of curious people passing by each day. Hillary reopened Laurel Street Bakery immediately after the city declared the water safe to drink.

That day, one man told Hillary's mother that the bakery was the only space in the entire city that made sense. "I think he was right," says Hillary. "It was such chaos and destruction everywhere you turned. The median of every road was filled with trash. Every house had a rotting refrigerator out front. People were—and still are—sleeping on the streets. The bakery was simple and nice."

She needed electricity. She needed clean water. And, of course, she needed customers.

For a few days, Laurel Street Bakery was the only place in the Uptown area selling coffee. The people came, and they haven't stopped since. Hillary still marvels at how quickly she went from feeling unsure that anyone would walk in her door again to realizing she was the only show in town.

Though her customer base is now strong, the day-to-day challenges of running a business in a ravaged city have not subsided. She still hasn't heard back about her loan applications. Electricity is patchy, which means she's constantly fighting dying ovens and refrigerators. Contractors are scarce, so the gaping hole in her bathroom wall will have to wait. Trash collection is unreliable, and recycling services are nonexistent.

Many of New Orleans's larger bakeries and restaurants had business-interruption insurance, meaning that while Hillary had to swallow her losses and open immediately to recoup all she could, others could stay closed without losing money. As of midwinter, her competitors were just beginning to reopen.

Now, Hillary is waiting again, this time to see what happens. "We were there for [the customers] when they came back to New Orleans," says Hillary. "We hope they'll be loyal to us. When all the larger coffee shops were taking their time, we were working 80 hours a week so our customers had a place to go. The people of New Orleans don't forget things like that."

At Laurel Street Bakery, running a business isn't just about making cinnamon rolls. It's about adjusting from a small wholesale bakery to a booming retail bakery, almost overnight. It's about working hard enough to grow a business in rocky soil without losing sight of how much one enjoys baking. It's about creating an atmosphere that people love visiting. And, in the end, it's about doing what Hillary's customers call "community service" when their community needs it most.

And the cinnamon rolls are delicious.

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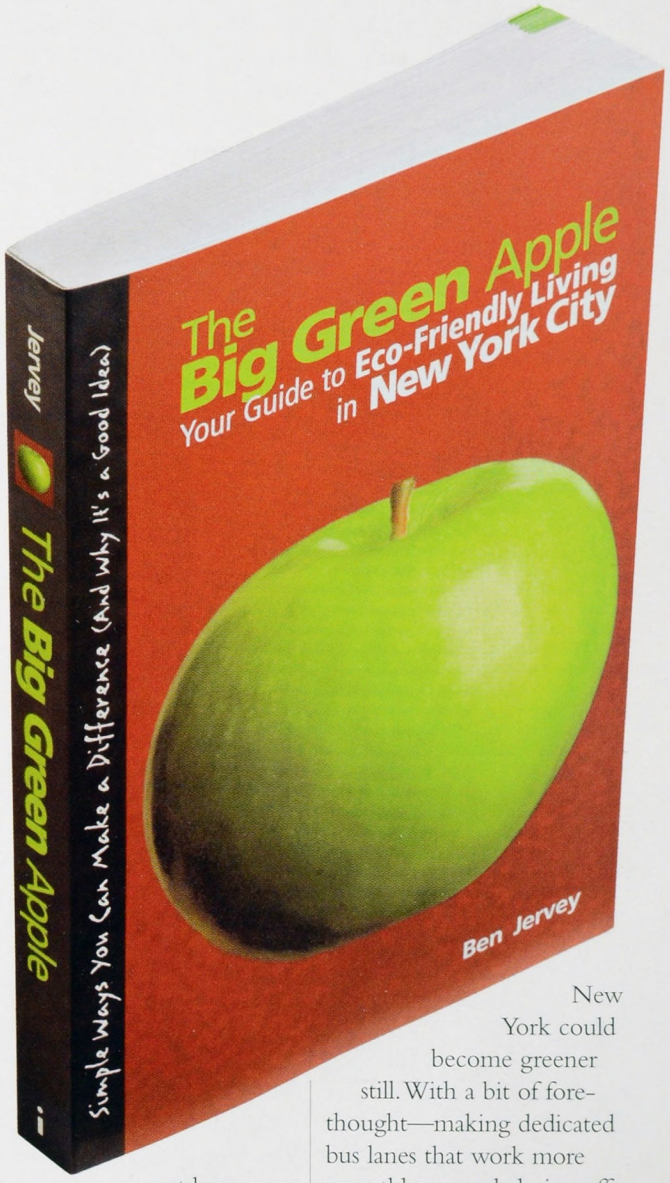
Green Acres

Can New York become the greenest city in America? Ben Jervey '01 believes so.


The Big Green Apple
Your Guide to Eco-Friendly Living in New York City
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The Big Green Apple
Simple Ways You Can Make a Difference (And Why It's a Good Idea)

By Bill McKibben and the Editors

Some years ago, the eco-analyst Alan Durning tried to figure out the greenest place in the United States. Was it that swath of the Pacific Northwest that writer Ernest Callenbach had once dubbed "Ecotopia"? Not really—when he ran the numbers, Durning decided New York City had better claim to the title. Seriously.

Seattle and Portland may have a fierce commitment to native salmon, urban growth boundaries, and visionary recycling programs. But New York has subways and small apartments, and so in the all-important category of energy use, it comes out far ahead. It is, by accident and without even thinking about it, an ecological city.

Now comes Ben Jervey '01 to show what could happen if New Yorkers *did* think about it. His guide to environmental living in the Big Apple (*The Big Green Apple: Your Guide to Eco-Friendly Living in New York City*, Globe Pequot Press, 2006)—decorated appropriately with a shiny Granny Smith on the cover—is a comprehensive guide to conscious consuming: of energy, of food, of clothes and office furniture and transportation, even of recreation. Half or more of the information would be valuable in any city, but the heart of the book contains those tips really specific to Gotham. Where to find the farmers markets now scattered around the city, where to pick up a recycled bicycle (and how to get the city to stick a bike rack outside your home or business), where to buy shoes made from cork that used to be in wine bottles. He describes cool new ideas (Zipcar, the by-the-hour on-the-street car rental program) and new approaches to eternal problems (how to get the super to seal your windows against drafts).

My favorite part of the book is a list of "25 exceptional green activities"—ways of having fun in the city that fit every criterion of the most rigorous environmentalist. And what I like about them is that none grew up to be "environmental"; instead, they're all about offering the kind of public, communal experiences that great cities produce so easily and that our suburban exodus has made almost impossible. Playing bocce on the Parks Department's 40 official courts, for instance, or playing ping-pong on the free outdoor tables on Pier 25 in Hudson River Park ("the closest simulation to a cruise ship atmosphere that you'll find in the five boroughs"). Or surf the Brooklyn shore—"take the A Train to Far Rockaway for some of the most underappreciated swells on the East Coast."

If Jervey writes a sequel, I hope he'll spend a little more time thinking about how New York could become greener still. With a bit of forethought—making dedicated bus lanes that work more smoothly, say, and closing off more of the city to private cars—the city could become an ecological model on the order of Oslo or Stockholm. But this guide accomplishes an enormous amount—it's the perfect gift for graduates heading to New York. Even if they don't care that much about the environment, they'll want this insight into the city's natural (and green) exuberance.

—*BM*

Photographs by Tad Merrick

THE WIND IS WHISTLING through a crack in my office window, the sky is a dull, leaden gray, and yep, right on cue, raindrops begin to plink on the skylight.

Sigh.

Vermont in March.

Don't get me wrong. I love Vermont. For the most part, I love the weather. I'd challenge anyone to name a place on this earth with a better fall season. The summers contain a charm all their own, and the winters, while cold, produce the clearest air and most beautiful skies I have ever seen. Spring? Well, I get antsy in spring. Like, say, right now. Plink goes the skylight. Not a bad time to crack open the latest work by writer CASEY O'BRIEN BLONDES '79—*French Country Hideaways: Vacationing at Private Chateaus and Manors in Rural France*—and momentarily escape, if only figuratively.

A resident of France for nearly 20 years, the last 14 spent immersed in the Loire Valley with her husband and children, Blondes brings an insider's sensibility to this exquisite book, published by Rizzoli in 2005.

Her vivid prose is expertly complemented by the stunning photography of artist Stephanie Cardon. Take, for example, the description *La Maison du Moulin* in the province of Grignan. Opposite warm photographs of a stone cottage surrounded by trees and a simple dinner place setting that includes a small stone bearing an ink inscription of *Bon Appetit,* Blondes writes:

"La Maison du Moulin, or Mill House, is nestled in the Berre river valley just beyond the historic village of Grignan, with its remarkable château cresting the hillside. Exiting onto a rocky lane off the main road, you meander down past hidden vineyards and groves of truffle oaks to a shady refuge of dappled sun and whispering willows.

"At a cool remove from the heat of the plain, Bénédicte and Philippe Appels have created a cheerful haven. . . . The heart of the property is its central courtyard, shaded by a massive plane tree. Guests gather here at dusk to unwind after a day of touring, over a glass of local rosé and Bénédicte's imaginative hors d'oeuvres—shirred eggs with truffles—and a cool melon soup, piquant with the aroma of lavender. A spacious cloistered veranda serves as an outdoor dining room for table d'hote dinners in fine weather. Philippe keeps the stone fireplace stoked against the evening chill."

In *French Country Hideaways*, Blondes explores 30 châteaus and manors spread throughout rural France. Whether tucked away in a river valley or perched upon a cliff overlooking the sea, each locale, Blondes essentially promises, offers a fairytale vacation. Based on her work, there's no reason to doubt her.

Plink.

The daydream is over. Back to work.

—*MJ*

Night Table
What's on Ben Jervey's night table?

- *Field Notes from a Catastrophe* by Elizabeth Kolbert
- *The Works* by Kate Ascher
- *Consider the Lobster* by David Foster Wallace
- *The Areas of My Expertise* by John Hodgeman

SHE HAS BEEN CALLED THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY FIGURE in American business journalism, and her *Newsweek* columns have attracted a legion of fans looking for sage financial advice. Now JANE BRYANT QUINN '60 is dispensing fiscal wisdom between the hard covers of her latest book, *Smart and Simple Financial Strategies for Busy People* (Simon and Schuster, 2006).

Quinn's latest guide to personal finance marries self-help to business acumen. Readers are offered chapters on wiping out debt, buying a house, paying for college, and adhering to budgets. Yet while many of the financial tomes that reside on bookshelves across America serve up bland prescriptions—or worse, lecture the readers on what they are doing wrong—Quinn's advice follows the same formula offered in her columns. She's witty, she's encouraging, and most of all, she's sensible. One can actually read her book and think, "Hey, this applies to me . . . and I think I can do that."

Quinn also does something that would cause most other financial gurus to shudder: she provides anecdotes of her own past financial struggles. By expressing her fallibility—really, showing that she's human—Quinn provides a context for her success as a financial whiz, one to whom you would pay to listen.

Recently Published

- *The Art of the American Musical* (Rutgers University Press, 2005) edited by RICHARD ALLAN DAVISON '56 and Jackson Bryer
- *A Medal of Honor* (Discover History, LLC, 2006) by JOHN MORTON '68
- *Chasing the Magdalene* (Little Eagle Publishing, 2005) by CYNTHIA BERRESSE PLOSKI '54

On Tap for the Summer Issue

- *Lipshitz Six, or Two Angry Blondes* (Dutton, 2006) by T COOPER '94
- *Worlds on Fire: Volcanoes on the Earth, the Moon, Mars, Venus and Io* (Cambridge University Press, 2005) by CHARLES FRANKEL '79
- *Red Weather* (Random House, 2005) by PAULS TOUTONGHI '00

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28 Spring Greetings from 1928! As we expected, **Helen Revere Hatch** celebrated her 99th birthday modestly in Venice, Fla., with a birthday luncheon. However, subsequent news that she and son Steve were embarking on a January cruise of the Panama Canal was surprising! It is their second together and I believe her third such cruise, this time on the *Zaandam* of the Holland America Line. Good for them! * Great-great-grandmother **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** writes from Rogue River, Ore., that her 98th birthday surprise was the renewal of her driver's license for eight years! Her driving is community based, to church and to the library for the three books she reads each week. Her son checks on her "mischief" nightly. * Wait until Elizabeth finds noted historian and my nonpretentious Concord neighbor Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals*, demonstrating the political genius of Abraham Lincoln. The book was published just in time for winter reading for Concordians and the nation and accompanied by the author's interviews. The accounts of Lincoln's battlefield visits were very meaningful for me because the New Hampshire contingent of my Union soldier grandfather, Hazen P. Carleton, was encouraged to fight by them. Thanks for your cards and news. Mimi.
—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J. D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet) (978-369-5595), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

[Ed. note: We convey Middlebury's congratulations to Mimi, who has celebrated her 98th birthday quietly in Concord.]

31 REUNION CLASS
Our 75th reunion will take place at Middlebury, June 2–4, 2006. We look forward to hearing from classmates!
—Class Secretary: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert (calverte@aol.com), 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

32 **Georgiana Hulett Taylor** is now in assisted living in Westmoreland, N.H. Georgie reports that she enjoys spending all her holidays with daughter Betsy Taylor '69 and granddaughter Susannah Church Maxwell '97.

35 We have lost another member of our class. **Jean Wiley Zwickel** died in August 2005. At Middlebury she was active in the music and choral groups and had a special interest in the German and French Clubs, which were firm foundations for her later activities. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. * **Ruth Stetson Kavanaugh**'s daughter made a contribution to Middlebury in Ruth's memory. What a fine idea!
—Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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Isabel Davies Emmerich is an inspiration to us all. She has been knitting since college—baby blankets, sweaters, and mittens—for friends and for her three children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. But recently she has spent several pre-Christmas months knitting 40 to 50 pairs of mittens for the hands of underprivileged American Indian children in faraway states. Isabel commented recently that she feels that Americans owe a debt of gratitude to American Indians: "I think we've damaged them in a way, and we haven't lived up to agreements. We've taken their land—good land—and given them very little." So she sends money to schools that help to educate American Indian children and she knits mittens to help them stay warm. From Hamilton, Ga. (where she moved soon after her husband's death to be near her daughter), Isabel has sent boxes of mittens to Red Cloud Indian School serving Lakota children in Pine Ridge, S.D., to a mission school serving the Eastern Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, and to St. Labre Indian School for Crow and Northern Cheyenne children in Montana. Isabel is an avid reader. She recently knitted a purple leotard and tutu for her great-granddaughter's teddy bear. Congratulations, Isabel, on all your wonderful work! We hope that Isabel and several other classmates will converge on Middlebury for our 70th class reunion, June 2–4.
—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Louise Hubbard McCoy, 865 Central Ave., #L403, Needham, MA 02492.*

37 Enjoying life in her Venice, Fla., retirement complex, **Rita Cosenza Moore** had a special treat in October when her sisters, Helene Cosenza Chase '38 and Louise Cosenza Aldrich '44 (and her husband), flew down for a visit. Rita's growing family now includes five great-grandchildren. Although she has macular degeneration, she and Bill are "doing pretty well." * Bridge is one of the activities that keeps **Doris Downing Daley** busy. Another is staying in touch with her family, including three great-grandchildren. She was looking forward to seeing family members from Kentucky and Indiana over the holidays. Still living in her own home, Doris is able to continue driving. * **Bob** and **Ruth Van Sickle Robinson** may give up "commuting" between New York state and Florida, now that they have moved into permanent quarters in the Pinecrest Place, a retirement community in Largo, Fla. New address: 1150 Eighth Ave. SW, #404, Largo, FL 33770. * **Mildred Trask Roesch** has moved from Florida to Connecticut, where she is in a nursing home near husband George and a few miles from daughter Pat. * **Betty Hunt Greene**, who spent most of her life in New Orleans before moving to Denver, reports that most of her friends are returning to New Orleans, "some to decide whether they can make a living there; my older friends just to be home in the city they love." * The sympathy of the class is extended to the families and friends of those classmates who have died. We regret to report the death of **Helen Miller Snipes** on April 14, 2005. Helen attended Midd for two years, then transferred to Oberlin College for a degree in music. Her love of music led to a long-time participation in the concerts of the Rochester Oratorio Society and as a member of the Third Presbyterian Church choir. Her father, Sherman Miller, designed the "Big Boy" steam engine and was president of American Locomotive Company. * Belatedly, word has reached the College that **Robert K. Zuck** died February 12, 1996. For many years Bob was a prof. of botany at Drew Univ. in Madison, N.J. In the late 1950s he was one of a small group of citizens who led the successful campaign to stop the Port of New York Authority (now Port of New York and New Jersey Authority) from building one of the world's largest jetports in the Great Swamp area of northern New Jersey. The swamp and adjoining farmland would have been paved over, a historic village destroyed, and quiet suburban towns would have become part of a vast commercial complex. David F. Moore, trustee and former director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, gave credit to Bob for helping to turn sentiment in the state against the airport proposal. Moore told us, "Dr. Zuck's testimony on the ecological value of the swamp was vital to the state's rejection of the jetport and helped lead to the creation of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge."
—Class Secretary: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

38 We were all saddened to learn that **Marjory Arnold Cady** died in November 2005. Her death was not only a great loss to her family, but also to the Middlebury community. She devoted much of her time to volunteer work and to her large family. She was also recognized for her devotion to painting.

She exhibited in a gallery in Rutland each year, and a restaurant in Middlebury sponsored a reception for the opening of one of her exhibits. Those of us who have attended reunions will remember Marjory's gracious hospitality at Sunday brunch at the conclusion of the weekend. ✳ News about **Jean Hoadley Dudley** came in a pleasant phone conversation with her daughter, Susan. Jean, who continues to live at Evergreen Woods in North Branford, Conn., sends greetings to her classmates. Susan is often with Jean, who is most fortunate to have a companion with her. Susan's brother Bill and his wife come every two months from South Carolina. ✳ Following several unsuccessful phone calls, I finally reached **Polly Overton Camp**. She is always so cheerful and fun to visit with, plus she provides materials for class notes! Several months ago **Betty Osborne Peelor**'s daughter, Linda, drove Betty to see Polly and the three of them enjoyed going out to lunch. During the summer, Jean Dudley's son and his wife drove Jean to visit Polly and the four of them went to a favorite restaurant in Woodbury, Conn. I also learned from Polly that Betty Peelor was spending two months with her son in South Carolina. Polly corresponds regularly with **Arne Buckley Beltz**, who lives in Anchorage. ✳ Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** spent Christmas with many family members, including two great-granddaughters, at son Dick's home in Sanbornton, N.H. Eleanor keeps busy with many creative projects, including quilting and knitting. The Gardners host a tea once a month in their cottage for a few residents who live in the health care facility here at Wake Robin. ✳ Over the holidays, I was fortunate to be with family in Marblehead, Mass., at the home of Chris and Joanne Hall Johnston '67. It was a special reunion with children, grands, and a great-granddaughter arriving from Ontario, Arizona, Maine, Washington, and Vermont. ✳ **Janet Randall Morgan** and I take turns calling each other once a week. Janet always keeps her hands busy, whether it is cooking, knitting, or other needlework. At present she is quilting. Between those activities, she is an avid church worker and reader. ✳ Nine years ago, **Margaret Lawrence Lind** moved to Scituate, Mass., where she lives in a condo in Scituate Harbor: "From my unit I can look out over the marshes to the ocean beyond, which is very pleasant. Most of my family live close by, so I can enjoy my three daughters, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Recent activities include collecting kaleidoscopes. I have over 50 now. I also like to make geometric solids, an interest that comes from having been a high school math teacher. Health wise, I am fine and am still able to drive." Thanks for writing, Margaret! ✳ Classmates, if you enjoy reading these notes, PLEASE send news to either the College or me.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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Roger Clarke has evolved into a writer, poet, and dramatist. Classmates may obtain one or all of his works, without cost, by calling Roger at 585-288-3199. He offers two volumes of poetry, *The Teddy Bear's Lament and Others,* and *Falling In and Out of Love;* a play entitled *Paradise;* a children's story, *The Three Legged Rabbit;* and a war service story, *Saving New York City.* Or call him just to chat. It's always a fun and an amazing conversation. ✳ **Elinor Wieland Cain** had a scary episode as the result of too much calcium: dizziness, confusion, plus other problems. After a stay in the hospital, she was transferred to a rehab center for some weeks. Happily, she recovered and was ready to start driving as of November 1. ✳ **Virginia Orde Church** has had to give up many of her activities due to macular degeneration. She's still suffering from the effects of a bad fall about a year ago, but she is in good spirits and is amazed at how good a cook her husband is! ✳ We regret to report the death of **Irma Fitzgerald Risty** and extend the sympathy of the class to her family and friends. ✳ **Marilynn Manning Baldwin** volunteers, helping children in grades 1–4 to read and enjoy it. Grandson Paul Kyle Hemminger, a recent graduate of West Point, returned in January from a year's service in Iraq. This was his second stint there for a total of 18 months of service in that area. Elizabeth Barbara Baldwin, Marilynn's granddaughter, is a graduate of the music program at Indiana Univ. A soprano, she is auditioning for a part in an opera. ✳ **Frances Barrett Johnson** is considering a move to a condo in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., to be near her son, who teaches at Central Michigan Univ. She has visited out there and likes the area very much. ✳ **Carol Flascher Stiles** is interested in books and history, but especially in PCO, a philanthropic organization that funds and assists women who need to get into the workforce. ✳ **Louise Roberts Avery** and a friend recently visited Middlebury, finding Mead Chapel "still beautiful." Two students visited with them in Proctor. When the students heard that Louise was class of '39, "they nearly went through the floor!"

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Martha Taylor Elliott writes: "It was good to see you all in June and a joy to have so many of us vertical and *there.* Wasn't it interesting to have the student helpers and even younger alumni seem genuinely interested to hear what it was like in our day? Separate dorms for men and women? Really? And no *cars*?" ✳ **Ed Morse** reports: "Members of our class were either born or conceived during the final years of World War I. The present war is the sixth war that the U.S. has been engaged in during our lifetime. Entering Middlebury in the fall of 1936, we were all introduced to Prof. Waldo Heinrichs, who taught what I recall was entitled Contemporary Civilization. On April 29, 2006, **Loring Pratt** and I plan to attend an illustrated talk by Charles Wooley, the son of a World War I fighter pilot, who has written about Waldo Heinrichs. Entitled 'American Pursuit Aircraft of World War I and the Men Who Flew Them,' the talk is to be given at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum here on the coast of Maine. I'm sure that we'll hear a lot about Heinrichs. Stay tuned and we will give you a report on the lecture after it takes place." ✳ Some news was received from **Talbot Hamlin**: "I'm enjoying the beautiful views of the marsh from my new home in Ipswich, Mass. It's across the street from my nephew, Ronald (Sam) Hamlin '77." ✳ **Francis Nitchie** sadly reports the death of his wife, Mary Conger Nitchie, on December 3, 2005, four weeks after their 62nd anniversary. Our condolences are extended to Nitch. ✳ The passing of **Clifford Philo** last August was reported in the winter issue. Cliff, who was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, was with us for our first two years. He was a fine person. We will miss him. ✳ The holiday greeting card sent by **R.C. Anderson** was one of the block prints he and Linda made, with a beautiful collection of multicolored autumn leaves on the cover. They are artists at this sort of work. Inside is a timely message: "After the gaudy rites of year's end, it's time to look to the vernal equinox and the leafless part of spring. A brief, austere pause after the concealing snows melt away, having combed down to a brown mat the grasses, bracken, lupines, milkweed, to show the minute contours of the fields. New buds of various hues mark their beginnings by dismissing the last, tenacious, remaining leaves, the pale feathers of the beech, the brittle dark leather of the oaks. The forest floor, the very earth, comes into focus. There the folded, laminated rocks speak of ancient fire, the erratic boulders and moraines speak of ancient ice. With the sun's renewed vigor, the cold air's transparency, it seems possible to contemplate a refreshed world. One is tempted to expect that if we cannot have peace, we can seek justice; if not love, compassion; if not rectitude, candor; if not wit, silence; if not resolution, reflection. At the very least, let us be of good cheer!"

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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Nicholas Krauszer was recently inducted into the hall of fame at his New Brunswick, N.J., high school where he played on championship basketball teams (1933–34 and 1934–35). We send our warmest congratulations to Nick, who has suffered from multiple sclerosis since the age of 38. ✳ **Peggy Waller Glazier** and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July 2005. They did an Elderhostel program in Oklahoma and were scheduled to do another in Louisiana, "but Katrina settled that." Son Ken works in Chicago with a company building wind turbines, daughter Ginny Glazier Babal '74 teaches in Pennsylvania, and daughter Judy paints and does art shows in North Carolina. ✳ In addition to playing Golden Oldies, Shaubie (**Margaret Shaub**) teaches English as a second language to two elderly immigrants from Somalia, who have come to this country from refugee camps in Kenya. ✳ We were all sad to learn of the August 29 death of **Elsa Norgaard Cullen**. She was such a vital member of our class and so supportive of the College. Her daughter, Judy Cullen Friede '70, wrote a lovely letter about her mother, reporting that Elsa's "years at Middlebury were special ones for her" and that "the class of '41 held a special place in her heart. She always looked forward to her class reunions." When Judy was a high school senior who had just been accepted at Middlebury, she attended her mother's 25th reunion and remembers thinking what a remarkable group her class was. The condolences of the class are extended to Judy, her sister Deborah, and brother Jeffrey '73. ✳ **Connie Girard Brown** recalls living near Elsa freshman year in Bat Cot. She also recalls that the *Campus* said that the freshmen women that year were the smartest, best looking, and best dressed on the campus! Her other recollections include tea dances after football games and Glenn Miller playing at the Carnival Ball. Connie was spending Christmas together with all her family at her daughter's in Virginia. ✳ Jack and Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) spent the holidays out in Santa Barbara, Calif., with son Doug and his family. ✳ I (Packy) flew to Charlottesville, Va., in October for a fun weekend with my younger son and his family, plus other family members and friends. We attended the Virginia Film Festival and the showing of *Deep*

Water, a film based on one of his novels. I spent the holidays in York, Pa., with my youngest daughter and family. * **Marilyn Reynolds Gray** no longer drives (due to macular degeneration), but she still enjoys playing cards. She plans to move to Oregon from Redmond, Wash., to be near her son and daughter. * **Merritt Garland** was scheduled for cataract surgery recently. He reported that the surgery would prevent him from skiing at his cabin for about three weeks. His daughter, Leanne, lives in Montpelier, Vt., where she works in quality assurance for the state Department of Corrections. * **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** recently had cataract surgery and is pleased that now she can drive again. * A card from **Summy House** informs us that he was in the hospital following a minor heart attack. Spinal stenosis is also slowing him down. We wish him well and also send best wishes to **Richard** and **June Perry Conklin**, who are continuing to have health problems. * On her card, **Charlene Miller Karr** wrote that she is "alive and kicking" and wishes us "an upbeat season." * When giving a reading from her book, *A Cartography of Peace*, at Ilsley Library in Middlebury, **Jean Connor** recently saw **Barbara Wells**. * Regrettably, **Ruth Carpenter Donnell** does not expect to get to reunion, due to transportation problems. She reports that she recently enjoyed working with an elementary school child on a one-on-one basis. * Eagerly looking forward to our 65th reunion, **Jack Hicks** was making travel plans and we hope that many others are doing likewise. We strongly urge you to attend our 65th reunion, June 2–4, if you possibly can. Even if you can't make it in person, please write something for our reunion booklet. Write about how it feels to be in your 80s or some remembrance of the College and send to one of addresses below.
—Class Secretary: *Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), 4106 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482; and Roger Griffith (rmg19@adelphia.net), 35 Skyline Dr., Essex Junction, VT 05452.*

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Ever since graduation, **Jack** and **Nancy Rindfusz Bates** have spearheaded the class of 1942 in many capacities—class secretaries, class agents, reunion chairs, Alumni Association officers, and the official and unofficial custodians and distributors of class information. We are sad to report that Nancy died suddenly on December 15, 2005, ending 65 years of devotion to Middlebury. No one will ever be able to take her place. * We have also learned of the passing of **Dean Northrop** in November. Dean spent most of his career in Hyde Park, N.Y., teaching English and the humanities. After retirement he purchased the family home in St. Petersburg, Vt., where he enjoyed gardening, furniture refinishing, and hospital volunteer work. * **Charlie Beach** wrote in late December, having just returned from California. He gave us the sad news that **Clifford Fulton** had passed away on December 11, 2005. The sympathy of the class is extended to Cliff's family. * We also send condolences to **Nina Camuti Danielsen** on the loss of a 22-year-old grandson in August 2005 as a result of a motorcycle accident. A great loss to the family. On the positive side, Nina had a successful appendectomy in June 2005 and has welcomed her 18th grandchild (a boy) and her second great-grandchild (also a boy). * **Mary Eimer Leinbach**'s Christmas letter included a report on husband John's 70th reunion at Amherst. The Leinbachs were installing new picture windows in their living room and reprinting John's book, *My God Can Lick Your God*, available at Amazon.com. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. * **Helen Hooley Young** phoned to tell us about Nancy's death. She also let us know that she enjoys the winter warmth and lack of snow in Venice, Fla., but spends summers at her cottage in Norwich, N.Y. Her Christmas letter gave us news of her grandchildren, one in M.I.T. and one opening an office in London for his company. Helen commented on the lack of class news. * **Sue Hulings Ottinger**'s Christmas letter insisted that she and Harry were slowing down, but then reported on spending their 60th wedding anniversary sailing from London to New York on the *Queen Mary 2*, as well as a spring outing with family in San Francisco, and then visits to relatives in Montreal and Quebec. Their granddaughter, Caitlin, will be graduating from Middlebury in May. * **Ginny Smith Baker** reported on children, grands, and great-grands. She had missed her usual Maine trip, but was recovering from surgery and going to Kentucky for Christmas. * **Nancy Hall Whitehouse** saw **Gracie Shailer** and **Daphne Smith Burnes** at the beach in Maine last summer. When she came north to her daughter's for Christmas, she was hoping to see **Myrtle Bestick Silvester**. Nancy wishes us all a happy new year. * **Joan Calley Cooper** was one of several classmates who commented on the lack of news in the fall magazine. She reports that she is "well, busy, and enjoying life." She still enjoys summers in New Hampshire. This year she will take an Elderhostel trip for almost three weeks to Morocco. * Our comment on lack of class notes: we print everything you send us. Christmas letters are great, plus we try to make phone calls for additional stuff. Plans for our 2007 reunion will be more or less finalized at the 2006 Alumni Leadership Conference weekend in September. If you have any ideas or can join us for a beautiful fall weekend at Bread Loaf, drop us a line, an e-mail, or phone call. We need all the help we can get.
—Class Secretaries: *Phil and Betty Blanchard Robinson (sec42mdd@aol.com), 410 Buffington Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224.*

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Secretary Gale reports: **Phil Backup** and Ruth spent an enjoyable six weeks in Hawaii over the Christmas holidays, then returned to Oregon for more golf and for skiing. In June, they usually go to Fairbanks, Alaska, where Ruth grew up. They may return to Vermont to visit their daughter and granddaughter in Williston. * Congratulations to **Roger Easton** who was awarded the National Medal of Technology by President Bush in November 2005. This is the nation's highest honor for technology, awarded to individuals who embody the spirit of American innovation and who have advanced the nation's global competitiveness. This recognizes Roger's extensive pioneering achievements in spacecraft tracking, navigation and timing technology that led to the development of the NAVSTAR-Global Positioning System. * **Lew Haines** remains active, doing a little bowling, tennis and cross-country skiing. Lew and Toni plan to visit a daughter in Sarasota in May, "after the snowbirds leave and before the hot weather arrives." Grand-daughter Kikkan Randall had a good chance to make the U.S. Olympic Ski Team this year. * **Warren Hassmer** reported in January that the mild winter allowed continued activity in his showcase gardens. He commented that he misses **Kay Sempepos Silliman**, with whom he used to exchange book reading lists and on whose recommendations he had come to rely. * **Bill Hawkes** and Jean had a great two-week trip to Morocco in December but then were involved in a collision with a truck after returning home. Bill suffered some broken ribs and brief loss of consciousness, resulting in the implantation of a pacemaker- defibrillator device. On last report, he was back in the gym getting back in shape. * **George Nitchie** says he's still rattling around alone in his Weymouth, Mass., house. This summer he plans to move to a retirement community in Hingham, five or six miles away. Their house in Tunbridge, Vt., remains in the family, with his daughter gradually taking over that responsibility. George reports no serious writing of late, only limericks, but hopes this will change when he is free from taking care of his present abode. * **Ted Peach** continues to be a gravel mover to keep his road in shape. He recently acquired another two tons to be distributed, with some help from a nearby grandson. Wife Nancy's tests are "OK," Ted says, and she's busy planting more Christmas trees for eventual distribution to members of the family. * **Page Ufford** lives in a condo in a Coatesville, Pa., retirement community, where he keeps in shape by walking daily and using the exercise room two or three times a week. Wife Doris, who has multiple sclerosis, is in the nursing unit there, so Page is able to see her daily. Although physically limited, she is mentally intact, reads, is active in clubs, and gets about in a wheelchair. They have sold their Lake Champlain summer cottage. * It is with regret that the January 6, 2006, death of **Stan Tupper** is reported. An able lawyer and a distinguished member of the Maine Legislature and the United States Congress, Stan maintained a rare sense of independence. He was a leader and mover in local and state affairs, especially the fisheries, and one who never forgot where he came from. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. * Secretary Doe reports: We learned with relief that **Yvonne Golding Weinhardt** was well away from Katrina and Rita, but she did make note that a number of evacuees were in her area. Sadly she reports that her husband, Bill, has Alzheimer's disease and is in a retirement home where she visits him nearly daily. Nearby children have been of great help. * **Barbara Higham Winner** is now living at Rosemont Presbyterian Village, closer to family and her six great-grandchildren. She enjoys playing bridge almost every day. * **Eleanor Wilcox Murphy** and her husband are busy with church, hospital, and caring for their home of 53 years. They travel to visit children on holidays. Asked whether weekly afternoons as a Gray Lady aren't quite strenuous, she cheerfully replied: "I can still push a wheel chair!" She sounds more than capable! * **Chick Johnson Doe** received news that **Jean Jordan Shield** and her husband aided a hurricane dispossessed family to relocate near them and are now enjoying new friendships.
—Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Lois Groben Doe (loisumbie@aol.com), 4 Simon Atherton Row, Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale (jsgale22@adelphia.net), 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

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Last fall we received (too late for inclusion in the winter column) a long and welcome letter from **Bob Crooks** filled with interesting accounts of enjoying life with Jane in their pleasant university community of Durham, N.H. He and wife Jane represented our Class of '44 at the 30th Anniversary Alumni College at Bread Loaf, August 31 through September 4, 2005. One highlight of the weekend was the "Miscellany Course," which included a lec-

ture by John McCardell on Reconstruction after the Civil War. Another highlight was the banquet and dance during the last evening when the band played '50s music and "Jane and I found we could still jitterbug." He noted that the spectrum of "students" present ranged from recent graduates to those from classes well before '44. He expressed the hope that perhaps next year he would see some of his classmates in attendance at Alumni College. Another summer event was a five-day conference sponsored by the United Church of Christ (Congregational) at Star Island, off Portsmouth, N.H., studying the "forgotten Gospels," numerous meaningful writings which were stowed in a jar discovered in North Egypt in 1945. Bob, a patent lawyer, still represents clients who want to protect their inventions. His favorite client is a physicist, born in Bulgaria, who lives about a mile from Bob and Jane. Because his work in radiation spectroscopy parallels Bob's personal interests in geomagnetism, the physicist offered to take him to the fall gathering of the American Geophysical Society in San Francisco in December. Bob indicated he would go. We hope he did! * Another unexpected fine letter arrived from **Winnie Witzigman Ballou**. She and husband Dick have done a lot of volunteer work. In fire service, he was coordinator for 13 departments and was a fire investigator for many years. Both of them led county emergency amateur radio operators and she was named CNY Ham of the Year. Since retirement, they have traveled extensively over most of the contiguous 48 states. Other travels have included trips to Europe and Alaska, a Caribbean cruise, and a Far East trek, including Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bangkok, with a side trip through Macao to South China. Three of their sons are engineers and the other two are in technical fields: "A far cry from my eight years of teaching French and Spanish," Winnie reports. She concludes her letter: "The four years I spent at Middlebury, plus one summer at Spanish School and two at French School, were among the happiest times of my life." * **Bob Darrow** writes: "**John Cadwell** and I acquired new hips. Now we're ready for the next 20 years—the push to the centurion club!" * **Ferd Ensinger** reports that he delivered the keynote address at the KDR National Convention in Baltimore in August. * With regret, we end this column with news of the death of **Barbara Slade Wyman** in California on October 15, 2005. Remembered as "Barbie," she often came back to Midd at reunion time. Daughter Beth Wyman Fernandez '74 and brother William Slade '50 maintain the Middlebury connection. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.
—Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham) (nmatkins@prodigy.net), 70 Hilltop Pl., New London, NH 03256.*

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Last year at this time many of us were enthusiastically looking forward to our 60th reunion. This year we are still sharing news compiled from that time, as well as some more recent news. * **Mew Wisotzkey McClellan** and Bruce spent Thanksgiving in Rockport, Maine, with son Bill, Nelda, and Kate McClellan. Joining them for Saturday's lunch of turkey potpie were Dick '43 and **Lee Van Leuven Morehouse**. Afterwards the McClellans had a quick visit to the Morehouses' attractive cottage at Quarry Hill, a retirement community in Camden. Mew says everyone is monitoring one thing or other, but we're still glad to see one another. * A card depicting a Yuletide dinghy and a charming lighthouse on the shore arrived from the Morehouses, commenting on the same occasion. They will continue to be at Vinalhaven in the summer. * Harlan and **Alice Southworth Twible** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary royally and in stages. After cruising the Caribbean and the Panama Canal, there was a family gathering and an open house, and finally a flight to NYC and on to New England to visit friends and relatives. * **B.A. Evans King** is a busy wife and mother, as her husband has lost his sight and they have seven children and 16 grandchildren living nearby. Lucky grandma and grandpa! * **Don Gilmore** reported that "Nicki and I are wintering again in our new/old house in Green Valley, Ariz. We'll go back to Concord, N.H., in May." * In Bethlehem, Pa., **Esther Kennedy Graf** is in assisted living, where we hope she can still make her contribution in music in which she has so excelled. * **Ruth Jean Van Noy Buell** is still walking, albeit with a quad cane at times, in spite of arthritis: "Doctors said I'd be in a wheelchair three years ago. I fooled 'em! I keep active in church and Republican politics. I live near children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grands, so am very happy and well taken care of!" * **Wilma (Wink) Bunce Clements** has lived in her Florida retirement community for five years. She has a grandson on crew at Williams. Son Patrick teaches English at Peddie School in New Jersey, where his wife is a dean. While on sabbatical, Patrick is biking old Indian trails across the country. * **Ray Walch** writes that three hurricane eyes went through his hometown of Stuart, Fla., with "no damage to our place." Their children live in Vermont, Connecticut, and Florida. In addition to welcoming the arrival of grandchild No. 10, they spent two weeks in Cape Cod time shares and another four weeks with time shares in Vermont, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and Branson, Mo. * Now retired from teaching English at Wilbraham Academy, **Arthur Kelley** is occupied with writing. Rather than seeing the Middlebury campus again, he prefers to remember it as it was when we were there. I believe that he also prefers remembering us as we were, but he sends regards to everyone. * We regret to report the death of **Arnold Kivelson** and send our deepest sympathy to his daughters and their families and to his companion. * The heartfelt sympathy of the class is also extended to **Albert C. Smith,** whose wife, Nancy Fitz Smith '47, died on June 5, 2005, in Rochester, N.Y. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. * **Alan** and **Joanne Higgins Wolfley** spent the Christmas/New Year holidays with their lawyer-grandson in London. * Your secretary (**Ann Robinson Walker**) spent a delightful Christmas holiday at Hawk Mountain in Pittsfield, Vt., with oldest daughter Beth Hitchner Kingston '69 and her family. The highlight of the gathering was skiing at Killington, which I supervised. * **Dottie Laux O'Brien** remembers a song from circa 1944, when, due to the war, "we were on an accelerated schedule of three four-month semesters with no vacation break, and were due to graduate in February, instead of June. We'd slog through the snow, singing (to the tune of 'When It's Springtime in the Rockies'), 'When it's springtime in Vermont/And it's 29 below,/And the seniors all wear ski boots/In the mud and slush and snow,/We'll be graduating early/Just to help our country out./We'll be aged and old alumni/When the spring begins to sprout.'" Thanks for the memory, Dottie!
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Your secretaries got tired from just reading what a busy life **Charlie Cutting** reports from his Wake Robin retirement community in Shelburne, Vt. He plays tennis, goes cross-country skiing (presumably at different seasons of the year), attends special functions at Middlebury, occasionally drives for a new car agency in Burlington, manages the community gardens, and does maintenance work at his church. He's looking forward to acting as a greeter at our 60th reunion in June, so make sure you come and say hello to Charlie! * **Norman Sweet**, who currently resides in Oneonta, N.Y., also hopes to make it back to reunion. We have talked to him on the phone. * After a few computer glitches, which have now been resolved, we are back in touch with **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom.** Mary Elizabeth reports that she is delighted to live near four of her five children and to be back in an area of the country where there are four seasons. (This column was written on January 2, when one of your secretaries had just come in from mowing the grass. We don't envy the folks who have four seasons and have to shovel snow.) * **Jean Smith Murphy** and husband Larry are grateful they were able to avoid storm damage and other catastrophes. They hope you other '46ers were similarly fortunate and send regards to all. Two knee replacements last spring have left Jinnie "steadier and sturdier and far more comfortable." * **Adele Potteiger Edgerton** reports "no noticeable changes—except that days, weeks, and months go faster." * **Ann Curry Munier** is happy to report that the first of her nine grandchildren was getting married in the fall, and more to follow. "Maybe I'll be a great-grandmother yet! Milo and I are hanging in there. We still go to New Hampshire half the year and see **Barbie Busing Harris** and **Hazel Godfrey Murphy** during that time." * **Alice Thorn Laquer** writes about her several celebrations of 55 years of marriage and 80 years of living. In October, the Laquers traveled to Sicily for 10 days. Unfortunately, they managed to get involved with the air controllers strike in Paris, which meant problems for their luggage. * **Lucinda Darby Westmoreland** sent a nice note about life in Boone, N.C. Cindy and Neal welcomed their third great-grandchild in November. We will miss not seeing them at reunion, but we agree that Vermont is a long drive from North Carolina. * **Louise Heald Aines** reports that "**Kay Craven** called to remind me about our 60th reunion. I return to Middlebury every year because my husband's family owns a home there. I particularly enjoy the carillon concerts on campus. My daughter's twin boys (17) graduate this spring. Son Marshall's two sons are in elementary school." * **Connie Smith Carpenter** writes that she and John recently traveled to Romania, Transylvania, Croatia, and Hungary on a river cruise. We understand that we will not see the Carpenters at reunion because of a scheduling problem. They chose to go on a trip to Europe instead of to reunion, and they will undoubtedly hear about *that* from their friends. * Several '46ers wrote us to say they plan to be at reunion on June 2–4, including **Joanne Davis Hohmeister**, **Kay Craven**, **Lois Brigham Selnau**, and **Katherine Rowley Tuttle**. Hope to see many more of you!
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As the early months of 2006 move onward, we realize that our class is about one year from its 60th reunion year, 2007. ✷ **Victor Springer** sent a special bit of history: a snapshot of the V-12 Navy unit in which he served, shown marching in review in front of Munroe Hall 63 years ago! Vic had retina surgery in November and wife Ann has had double knee replacement and hand surgery. Last spring, they did a ministry trip for "Gleanings for the Hungry," a group that prepares tons of donated food for shipment to the needy in over 40 countries. ✷ Many of us have celebrated 80th birthdays. **Bonny Morse Heisler** celebrated that milestone with a big party, as reported by **Betsy Hornaday Fry**, who has also reached 80. Now living in White Horse Village, Newtown Square, Pa., Betsy sent a photo of her and her husband and their three children taken at their tree farm in the Poconos. ✷ When **Bobby Van Aken Smith** marked her 80th, she rejoiced that former roommate **Pat Harvey Oehler** visited her with **Fran Swain Moretti**, who had lived across the hall from Pat and Bobby. Bobby and her husband now live at Whitney Center in Hamden, Conn. Pat Oehler reports the "trip to end all trips," a cruise from San Francisco through the Panama Canal to several islands, ending in Miami. ✷ **Jeannette Atkins Louth** wrote of having had a rather quiet, reflective year, as the passing seasons brought a sense of autumn in themselves as well as outdoors. They enjoy their home in West Harwich on the Cape, but were sorry to lose neighbors Bart '48 and **Tiffany Clark Nourse**, who moved to Middlebury to be near daughter Tiffany Nourse Sargent '79 and her family. The Nourses will enjoy activities at the College and they will probably see **Alice Neef Perine**, who was feted by her family and friends on her 80th. Alice reports the marriage of another grandchild. ✷ **Mollie Stevens Chesbrough** expressed the special sadness she felt at **Lynn Bruhn**'s passing, as they had been roommates for two years at Middlebury; she and Fitzie were high school classmates in Wakefield, Mass. ✷ In contrast to the previous year, **Marion Durkee Stillman** has been well and traveled every month, including trips to Key Largo, California, Bermuda, Valley Forge, and an October paddleboat trip up the Columbia River with her daughter. ✷ Enjoying a fine get-together in Crested Butte, Colo., were **Jean Mace Burnell**, **Jan Rogers Enzmann** and George, **Sally McCullough Sterritt** and Graham, and **Floralie King Millsaps** and Frank. Before the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Jan and George had a wonderful barge trip on the Mississippi from New Orleans north. Jan reports the barge was like a floating hotel. ✷ Herb and **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** planned an early celebration for Bobbie's 80th, with an April trip to Yorkshire and London. ✷ **Jinny Stowell James** will celebrate her birthday this summer in Maine with family. ✷ **Phyllis Burke Cunningham** feels very lucky to live in Middlebury! She enjoys College activities, travels to the New England homes of her children, and is active in the DAR, Delta Kappa Gamma (an honorary society of women educators), the Women's Club, and the board of the Community House. ✷ Traveling with Jeanne Badeau Barnett '52, **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** enjoyed a recent Elderhostel trip to the Mediterranean, where they met Dick '55 and Mary Lou King Wollmar '55 and all had a great time. Jo saw the Nourses before their move and recently had lunch with Bob and **Lois Southgate Badger**, who live in Kennebunkport, where they are busy with family and community activities. ✷ **Doris Reynolds Cleveland** reports that she and her husband are now full-time Florida residents. Their house survived Hurricane Wilma, although they had to evacuate. ✷ Knee replacements meant several months of quiet time and healing for both **Phyllis Howland McIntosh** and husband Mac. ✷ Regular visits with her children brighten the days for **Mary Pitz Hunt**. Living in Tamworth, N.H., she is knitting, reading, and enjoying friends. ✷ We feel diminished and saddened by the deaths of several class members. **Lynn Bruhn**, who chaired our 50th reunion, served as a class agent, and was an alumni trustee (1978–1987), died after a courageous battle against cancer on November 25. **Nancy Fitz Smith**, known as "Fitzie" among us, died on June 6. And more recent news brought word of the December 3 death of **Ellen Chalmers Steen**. The sympathy of our entire class goes to the families of these dynamic women, whom we will sorely miss, and also to **Bill Dodd** and all the family of **Evelyn Gardner Dodd**, who died on August 21, as reported earlier. —Class Secretary: *Virginia Stowell James (jinnyjamvsj @att.net), 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472.*

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Secretary Ness reports: **Esther Henderson Frederick** still lives in her home on the shore of Lake George, where she enjoys walking, swimming, and gardening. Penny does volunteer work, plays bridge enthusiastically, and visits friends and family. ✷ Good news from **Janet Edwards** in Rochester, N.Y. Due to hip replacement surgery about two years ago, she now walks normally for the first time in many years. Congratulations, Janet! ✷ Eberhard and **Jean Burkholder Gromoll** have been collecting art for many years. In November 2005, the Demuth Foundation and Museum in Lancaster, Pa., had a show of paintings from the personal collection belonging to the Gromolls. ✷ Charles and **Janet Small Adams** and two of their children live in Alaska. One daughter and family live in Maine, so Janet and Charles travel to New England at least once a year. While vacationing at their condo at Old Orchard Beach last September, they were visited by **Corry Wescott Minthorn**, who is enjoying the good life and good health. ✷ **Nancy Leach Ward** reports that she and Bruce do a lot of traveling; their next trip will be Russia by riverboat. They live in Englewood, Fla., where they "have escaped the hurricanes so far." Nancy enjoys tennis, golf, and bridge, plus she volunteers as a tutor in an elementary school. ✷ **Nona Flatley Moore** has been recuperating from double knee replacements in October. We're happy to hear that she's doing very well! ✷ **Charlotte Hoose Murphy** feels fortunate "to be fairly active, which has helped in adjusting to being a widow." She went on a grand cruise to the Mediterranean in the fall, and keeps busy as treasurer for both her town library and a scholarship fund. ✷ When Bud and **Jean Webster Skoien** celebrated their 50th anniversary last year, they decided to go on a three-week tour of China instead of having a party. ✷ **Cynthia Strout Fischer** is a published poet since her poem, "Soul Mates," appeared in the 2006 anthology of the *International Library of Poetry*. ✷ You may recall that a year ago **Duke** and **Nancy Richardson Powell** announced downsizing plans in preparation for a move to RiverMead as soon as a cottage became available. The search for a puppy was also mentioned. Here's an update on those plans: "A dog came first in the form of a two-year-old black female, with the help of the Lab Rescue League. We loved her, but 76 lbs. of untrained 'puppy' raced into Nancy's knee on a morning's walk, resulting in a trip to the ER. We left with a cast, splint, sling, and wheelchair—the essentials for a broken leg and wrist. Three months later therapy has her walking again, so we resume where we left off—downsizing, looking for a puppy, and hoping to be at RiverMead by the end of the year." ✷ Secretary Nourse reports "a special thank you, **Liz Bredenberg Ness**, ye faithful co-secretary, for your extra efforts with this column as Tiffany '47 and I moved from our home of 20 years on Cape Cod. We moved to a Middlebury condo on November 18 to be closer to our daughter, Tiffany Nourse Sargent '79, and my brother, Ken '52, and to let someone else worry about the lawn and the snow. We love the area, as well as the College and its wonderful offerings. Everybody is so friendly! ✷ And thank you to **Perry Maurer Thompson**, **Stew Washburn**, **Jean Webster Skoien**, and **Sandy Rosenberg** for your service to the College as class agents. You're good people! ✷ **Stew Washburn** and Barb moved to Texas in early fall from their home of 47 years in Fairfield, Conn. He writes: "Hi, y'all! Welcome to Disarrayment Central. Need any United Van Lines crates or cartons?" Now living at 110 Blue Sky Ct., Georgetown, TX 78628, they will continue to occupy their Vermont summer residence during the warmer season. ✷ **Marvin Holden** has lived in Middlebury since 1950. He loves the area and College activities, especially hockey at Kenyon Arena. ✷ **Tom Johnson** drives in from nearby Addison to watch the women's team hockey games. ✷ A brief note from **Jim Van Wart** informs us that he is "still traveling. Last stop: Vietnam." ✷ **Dave** and **Jean Semple Rollason** feel they are "blessed to be in a top lifecare home. Our part is a two bedroom, den, kitchen, and combined living-dining room, all of which we share with Cheerful, our Yorkshire terrier." Dave is in good health and Jean has recovered from "too many hip surgeries!" ✷ Sadly, we must report the loss of two more of our classmates. **Don Gustafson** died on October 16, 2005, and **Bob Todd** passed away on January 1, 2006. The condolences of the class are extended to their families. —Class Secretaries: *Bartley Nourse (brierpatchcc1@juno.com), 16 Nedde Ln., Middlebury, VT 05753; and Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness (elizabeth.ness@verizon.net), 412 N. Wayne Ave., #109, Wayne, PA 19087.*

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Secretary Whittier reports: **Marilyn Mulholland Jacobs** now challenges husband Tom '51 on the ski slopes. By the time this is published, they will have visited Squaw Valley, Salt Lake, and Sun City, finally arriving (sans skis) in Fernandina, Fla., for golfing with Jean Kailey and yours truly. In addition to sports, Marilyn is vigorously active on the political scene, according to Tom. Four grands also keep Marilyn and Tom occupied when they are home. ✷ **Dixon Hemphill**, who lives in Fairfax Station, Va., has his four offspring and nine grands living in the area. You may recall seeing Dix sporting about campus in his '30 Ford Roadster? Brother Dave '52 restored it and they still run it about! Dix is retired from the electric boiler mfg. company he founded and is now sailing on the Potomac out of Quantico. ✷ **Don** and Pat Salmon '48 **Henderson** still live on their farm in Fairlee, Vt., where Don keeps active with their nearby son, tending horses and cows (three of each), as well as cutting and splitting wood for the winter months. He's also actively skiing several days every week in winter and golfing in the summer. All this with

four joint replacements. Truly the bionic man! Pat is similarly active. We wish them both well. ✷ **Bob Seixas** continues to pursue his passion for flying by skippering the Patriot Squadron he helped to found. Despite the infirmities that seem to afflict many of us now, Bob joins his mates in fostering the spirit of naval aviation, flying to meetings and helping to establish a museum to document the history of NAS in Weymouth, Mass. Bob has spectacular photographs in which he appears in his bird over Korea. ✷ **Jack Valentine** writes that the public company he chairs (Harbor Global Co. Ltd. in Boston) manages real estate and financial assets in Moscow, Russia. Sounds like a daunting effort, Jack. Tell us more. ✷ **Jim Barlow** reports that there are "some 50 Midd grads living in Wyoming" and that "45 of them are in the Jackson Hole area." ✷ **Pat Allen Guthrie** reported that everything was fine in Florida this winter. ✷ We must set the record straight on an error in our fall column in which we discussed the sale of the earliest known copy of Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter,* turned up by **Roger Casavant** as a volunteer for the Natick Historical Society. The rare copy was auctioned not for $54,100, as we reported, but for $545,100! Roger writes: "This was one of the most significant literary finds in over a century as printers' proof sheets almost never survive, because they are thrown away. To have these sheets with most of the corrections, additions, and deletions in Hawthorne's hand survive was miraculous, especially since the original manuscript itself had been destroyed." Congratulations to Roger and also to the Natick Historical Society. ✷ After you finish reading this column, please take a moment to sit down and let us know what you did during the winter. Or send us your plans for the coming season. We want to keep all our classmates in touch with one another!
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Secretary McIlwain reports: After watching a young man named Sam Donnellon reporting on a Philadelphia TV sports broadcast, I was impelled to write to classmate **Sam Donnellon** to inquire if the young man who looked so very much like the Sam I remembered could indeed be his son. Sam wrote back: "You're right about that Sam on your TV. He is indeed my son, but he's still mad that I named him Junior. He doesn't use the Jr. in his byline in the Philly *Daily News*, but he can't deny me. He loves his job and the City of Brotherly Love. Sam's proud mother, Cornelia, and I have homes in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and Lake Wales, Fla. We still keep in close touch with **Jim Luke** and share tales of those good old college days. My newer friends can't believe I graduated from Middlebury. I don't tell them that tests were easier a half century ago." ✷ Alec '51 and **Anne Meyer Marshall** spent Thanksgiving in Philadelphia at the Penn's Landing Hyatt with the Kroll family: daughter Nancy, son-in-law John (manager of the hotel), Alexis and Max, and new puppy Sam. When I asked Anne about their hometown of Truro, after reading about a scandalous murder that took place there, she wrote: "You probably never heard of our tiny town of Truro unless you've visited Cape Cod and found the best and smallest place. But there is certain to be more publicity when the murder trial begins. A fashion writer was brutally slain in her Truro home in 2002. If that didn't bring us enough smutty publicity, the taking by state police of over 100 DNA samples did! 'Mass swabbings' of available able-bodied men in Truro took place at our few open establishments last winter. That fiasco incited the ACLU to protest this 'serious intrusion of personal privacy.'" Anne and Alec were reading about it from a distance, because they spent the winter in Florida. ✷ **Ralph** and **Patty Cloutier Eddy** report that they are "crotchety, but still moving." Their only news, they say, is a new address at The Landings in Savannah, Ga., in "a huge new house" they bought with their daughter and son-in-law. Ralph has been retired for 17 years and Patty says, "let's face it, with all our aches and gimps, we're lucky to be alive!" ✷ Secretary Porter reports: As we septuagenarians approach the eighth and ninth decade of life, we inevitably encounter selling a house that contains the accumulation of decades, downsizing, changing residence, and adjusting to new routines and making new friends. Pat and I recently moved into Kendal at Hanover, a continuing care retirement center based on Quaker values. All about one there are the external expressions of aging—canes, walkers, wheelchairs, slow-moving and bent-over people, and battery driven "go carts" that enable people to continue to be mobile. There are matter-of-fact, sometimes mordantly funny, acknowledgments that death is part of life. Several times in our first month here I have heard a phrase reminiscent of World War II: "Well, I'm here for the duration." On the other hand, we have come to know many vibrant, active people of immense accomplishment (including James Armstrong, who was president of Middlebury College, 1963–1975). There is wit, joy, music, and intellectual stimulation in abundance. ✷ **Ginny Orrall Albert** reports on similar events in her life. After being widowed for two years, she realized a tidy profit on her house (purchased in 1969) and was able to afford "a rather ritzy retirement place with a two-bedroom apartment and daily prepared dinners. I am enjoying it very much and have no regrets. My Texas daughter and granddaughter rented a U-Haul trailer and took some of my furniture. This Christmas I went to Dallas and saw my old stuff in its new location. Looked good!" ✷ **Donald Baker** writes of visiting his two grandsons (2 and 3 mos.) in Austin, Texas. They are the children of his daughter, Meredith Baker '88. ✷ **Walter Paterson** was relieved that hurricane season finally ended in Florida: "Lots of damage from Wilma, but we're back on the golf course!"
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The time is getting closer—June 2–4, that is. Be sure to save the dates for celebrating our 55th reunion. Our class is striving for an 85 percent participation goal. An anonymous donor has agreed to make a gift of $50 every time an alum renews his or her support for the College and $100 for each time a new donor makes a contribution! **Don Sherburne**, **Ed** and **Jean Maintain Higgins**, and **John** and **Helen Reid Gilmore** have all been working to make this reunion a success. Thanks to them and to our anonymous donor! ✷ **Mary Krum Dale** is hoping that she and husband David '50 will be up to making the trip to Midd in June. Happily, he is regaining his health since being very sick last year. They have decided to sell their home of 45 years and move (the biggest challenge of all!) to a retirement home. While talking with Mary, I was happy to notice that she hasn't lost her sense of humor. ✷ The Rev. **Philip Clarke** writes that "all is well. Enjoying Portland, Maine, and the surrounding area. Although living in Red Sox nation, I find I am still rooting for the Yankees!" ✷ **Elizabeth Scott Templeton** reports that she still lives in Middlebury and that friends still call her "Bunny." She's not as active in the antiques business as she used to be. Now her favorite activity is playing "lots of bridge." ✷ **Eleanor Wampler Majer** has mixed feelings about being retired. She misses her work connections, but is happy to be living close to son Ned and daughter Lynn and their families in Chantilly, Va. Ellie wishes she could come to our reunion, but regrets that years of smoking have impaired her ability to do much walking. ✷ The past few months have seen our class numbers decline by at least four. Word has been received of the passing of **Jack Cran** last July; **Carlyle Alexander** in September; **Mary Huntley David** in October; and **Don Glen-Reiland** in December. On behalf of the entire class we would like to express our deepest sympathies to the families of these classmates. Don's memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.
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Bob Martin is delighted to report the arrival of No. 10 grandchild—a boy after nine girls! He's enjoying retirement and living at the Shore. And he's looking forward to 55th reunion! ✷ **Bill Trask** is really enjoying his "tour of duty" on the MCAA board of directors, where he's not only meeting alums but also undergrads. ✷ The Rev. **Paul Faris** reports that he has been retired for five years and had open-heart surgery in January 2001. In Cape Coral, Fla., he and wife Geneva volunteer at two assisted living homes, where they do a Sunday home church service and a Wednesday hymn sing with mini-sermon. ✷ Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of the Rev. **Lorna Bowlby West**, who passed away in Cornwall, England, with son Mark at her side on October 18. ✷ We also extend condolences to **Haven Whiteside** on the loss of wife Rose, who died at home on November 23. Rose spent her whole life helping others in the Peace Corps, in an inner-city school in D.C., in Alabama with disabled adults, and, more recently, working against the violence in Colombia and Baghdad with Christian Peacemaker Teams. She will be missed not only by her family, but by all those whose lives she touched. ✷ Last September, Henry and **Marian Olds Precht** joined **Nancy Shahan**, **Don** and **Jackie Willaredt Lelong**, Bob and **Judy Hudders Lovegren**, **Polly Norton Polstein**, and **Carol Whitham Brewster** for several splendid days of talking, walking, and celebrating. ✷ **Betty Bates McCord** reports that she had a wonderful visit with **Jane Rupp Cooke** in October. Betty was accompanied by youngest son Jim, his wife Kristin, and sons Trevor (8) and Daniel (5). ✷ **Peg Lewis West** was glad to see the end of the hot, dry summer in Syracuse, N.Y., where she is busy volunteering with the Syracuse Symphony, the Refugee Program, and the AARP tax program. She also travels each year to help family in El Paso, Charlotte and Kingsport (Tenn.), and Denver. ✷ **Jane Rupp Cooke** wrote that she can't hide the milestone of turning 75 years old, because it bumps her up to Class Eleven in competitive skiing. She's back on the slopes, but husband Jim had to sit out

this winter due to an October hip replacement. They were surprised last summer when the Town Class fleet celebrated their 50 years of Townie sailboat racing in Marblehead. Quite a feat! ✳ We're happy to know that **Don "Dee" Rowe** is healthy and that he and wife Ginny (Reynolds) '53 returned to J-term at Middlebury for him to teach once again. He really enjoys interacting with the young students. ✳ **Carol Whitham Brewster** had been skiing in Banff with her ski group, Prime Time, from Sunday River. In November she used frequent flyer miles to fly to Paris, met a friend who lives there, and flew to southern Spain where they spent two weeks exploring the coast and hilltop towns, as well as going to Granada to see the Alhambra. ✳ **Carol Holmes Phillips** and husband John have been as active as ever, skiing last winter in Colorado and last spring doing the C and O Canal towpath. With Senior Cyclists, they bicycled from Cumberland, Md., to Washington, D.C., a trip they had done 34 years before with young children. Last summer they bicycled through Provence and this spring they planned to ride in East Germany and the Czech Republic along the Elbe River. ✳ Your secretary (Jeanne) keeps busy with family. I'm proud to say that my son, Sean '85, recently published his first book, *Same Sex Marriage in the U.S.: Focus on the Facts*. Sean is public policy director for the Gay Lesbian Task Force in Manhattan. Please keep your secretaries informed of your latest news.
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Congratulations to **Robert Westcott**, the recipient of the New York State Dental Association Jarvie-Burkhart Award, the highest honor presented by the organization, recognizing outstanding service to mankind through dentistry. Now retired, Robert practiced general dentistry in Queensbury and Glens Falls, N.Y., for 30 years. He also worked on a multitude of causes as an active participant in organized dentistry at the national, state, and local levels. It was his visionary concept 30 years ago that has evolved into a state-of-the art, 335-square-foot mobile dental facility, a model for rural pediatric dental programs everywhere. The dental van travels to schools through the southern Adirondacks, serving children who otherwise would not have access to dental care. ✳ **Laura Chapman Rico** is still coordinating the tutorial program at her local community college. She's also active at St. Alban's Episcopal Church and goes to Anvik, Alaska, each summer for vacation Bible school. ✳ **Clark Alvord II** sends greetings to all Middlebury classmates! "Another eventful year passes. Enjoyed a wonderful season of skiing and mountain guiding at Stratton and a week in Steamboat Springs in Colorado. Unfortunately, the season ended abruptly with a serious crash: torn rotator cuff, followed by surgery and physical therapy. Back on track for wife Harriet's class reunion in Sweden and family visits. Thanksgiving found us in Portland, Ore., with our triathlete daughter, who recently competed successfully in her first world event in Hawaii." ✳ **Millard Davis** writes that daughter Lynn and her husband, Jeff Malko, welcomed daughter Lauren on August 23. Bill also reports a lots of traveling, in the U.S. and to London and Paris. He says he "did bugs-of-the-month for Master Gardener Calendar 2006, including 12 large photos on the back cover." ✳ Last July, **Sue Taylor** reports a fun trip to Vermont for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Don '51 and **Biffy Darling Sherburne**. Those celebrating at the Waybury Inn included **Connie Gibbs Oliver**, **Nancy Hamilton Shepherd**, **Marge McCallum Smith** (and her daughter), and all of the Sherburne children and grandchildren. To top it off, Sue made a second trip to Vermont from Illinois for the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September.
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Congratulations to **Karol Baldwin Teiko**, who recently passed a major anniversary, that is the 20th anniversary of her debut in *Der Rosenkavalier* at the Metropolitan Opera. She had been a longtime member of the Metropolitan Opera Chorus prior to the night of her first actual role on September 27, 1985. Andrea Wallenberger Burnsworth '85 reports that Karol sponsored her as one of the first Midd students to take part in an externship, this one being with the chorus at the Metropolitan Opera in 1983. ✳ **Priscilla Kelley Sadler** reports that last summer "was a loser as far as having a Midd get-together, which we usually do." She hoped to get in some good skiing in France in 2006. ✳ George and **Virginia Buys Hartwell** are happy to be living in a house at Bristol Village, a retirement village in southern Ohio, where they have been since November 1, 1999. ✳ The condolences of the class are extended to the family of **Peter Ehler**, who died last October. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.
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At Alumni College last Labor Day weekend, **John** and **Kathy Hughes Von Hartz** were "miraculously offered a four-day course on India, just two weeks before we left for five weeks in South India! Also in our class were **Nancy Walker Faulkner**, **Junie Stringer DeCoster**, and **Judd Zecher Colton**, all of whom were going on an India trip in January." Sounds fantastic! ✳ John and **Sylvia Farmer Hultkrans** moved to Boulder, Colo., last May to be near their daughter: "We enjoyed meeting alumni in Vail in June. As always, it was special to visit with Hugh Marlow '57." ✳ **Maureen Smiley Gross** sent the sad news that her husband, Charlie Marks, died one week after their first wedding anniversary in September. We extend the sympathy of the class to Maureen. ✳ We mourn the loss of **Frederic Norton Jr.** on November 1, 2005, in North Kingston, R.I. Fred will be remembered by many of his classmates at DU and across the campus. We send our condolences to all of his family. ✳ **Dave** and **Jojo Kittell Corey** write that they continue to follow the career of Middlebury's up-and-coming opera star William Burden '86: "We saw him in *A Death in Venice* this past summer at Glimmerglass in Cooperstown, and in December at the Met in the premier of *An American Tragedy*." ✳ **Nancy Carpenter Ellis** has always wanted to paint and—now that that she has "retired" from teaching and professoring—she's actually doing it! A landmark event for her was a one-person art show in Burlington, Vt., of 26 watercolors she had painted recently. The show had an excellent review in a Burlington paper. ✳ Caleb and **Sidney Brock Gates** (both ardent fishermen) were off again to fish in Argentina this winter. When not fishing, skiing, golfing, or playing tennis, Sid has given a tremendous number of hours as a volunteer teacher and fund-raiser to the Boys and Girls Clubs. A few years ago, she was president of the board. ✳ **Carolyn Edgar Goodrham** writes from England that she and husband Peter ski in Klosters every winter, but a high point for her last winter was skiing with classmates in Vail. Living where she does, Carolyn can easily do intriguing excursions—Cambridge to view a display of medieval manuscripts or to Sutton Hoo for the Anglo-Saxon ship burial. The Goodrhams are also guides at Chawton House, a library for women authors, particularly Jane Austen's contemporaries. Chawton House belonged to the Knight Family, who adopted Jane Austen's brother when her family lived in the village. ✳ **Frank Punderson** eloquently describes skiing late one afternoon around those huge meadows up at Bread Loaf: "All was quiet, no wind, alone, a clear track and the soft waning western light bathing the Bread Loaf Ridge while backlighting the row of yellow/green trimmed buildings slowed my pace. Cold, about 15 degrees, the cloudless sky almost black/blue, the rime-white ridges seemed nearly incandescent—glowing as if illuminated from within. And then, a full moon was just suddenly there. The light on the snow all around me, the absolute silence, the peace. Many of you recall the warmth and conviviality of those late summer afternoon 'on the porch' cocktail parties during Alumni College, looking out over those meadows. I wish you all were with me today." ✳ **George Limbach** once again organized the Middlebury '55 week of skiing at Vail, where 19 classmates and spouses gathered to speed down the slopes. Those who weren't skiing enjoyed the ambiance of Vail. Plans are already in the works for next year's Vail gathering and George will let everyone know in the fall. All will be welcome to the third annual class of '55 Vail ski week.
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John F. Mulcahy Jr. writes that he is now a judge trial referee after 25 years as a superior court judge for the state of Connecticut. ✳ We look forward to seeing everyone at Middlebury for our grand and glorious 50th reunion celebration in June!
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After majoring in American history at Middlebury, **Diana Carlisle** wrote a term paper at UVM on historic preservation that led to an ongoing lifetime research project. In 2002, her move back to Burlington, Vt., coincided with the building of a full-size replica of an 1862-class canal schooner, the *Lois McClure*, so of course she immediately signed on as a volunteer and interpreter. To read Diana's wonderful report from the log of one of the schooner's historic voyages, turn to the Web site of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at http://www.lcmm.org/. Click on Grand Journey Log, then click on Diana's photo next to September 30, 2005: Port Washington. Her story

covers the journey from Liberty Landing, Jersey City, across to the Battery, up the East River, and under several bridges, past the Brooklyn waterfront, to Port Washington, where many visitors get to come aboard for a real "time warp" experience. ✷ **Corliss Knapp Engle** has been awarded an achievement medal from the Garden Club of America. The citation opens with, "Corliss Engle's activities in sheer number read like the credits of an epic movie." (For the full text of the citation, write to CorEngle@aol.com.) Shortly after she received the award in Kansas City last spring, lung cancer raised its ugly head again and required surgery in June. Currently on Tarceva, the latest in treatments, the prognosis looks good, although the old body doesn't like any of it. She signs off as "Corliss who doesn't call herself Corny anymore. Sometimes Cordless." ✷ **Alexandrine Post Koontz** reports that "Willing Weybridge Witches of '57 and spouses met in Kennebunkport, Maine, in a fall gathering for renewed companionship, golfing, and boating, while taking an interesting look at the harbor's bottom. Fun!" She also took a trip on a renovated fishing schooner through the Aeolian Islands and on the north and east coasts of Sicily. ✷ Remember, our 50th is coming up in 2007!

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In spring 2005, **Sandy Van Zandt** and wife Sidney traveled to Cornwall, England, to finalize the sale of their yacht *Sequel* to a young Australian they had met while cruising in Indonesia in 1994. *Sequel* was designed by Sandy, built by them, and had been their home for over 14 years. They sailed over 90,000 miles, including a circumnavigation (1990–1996) and four trans-Atlantics, the last one in 2003 from Noank to Ireland. They cruised with the new owners and their baby (4 mos.) for a month from England to Ireland to Scotland, transited the Caledonian Canal, and sailed across the North Sea to Norway. They left the new owners and *Sequel* there and continued on via land and sea travels to Denmark, Holland, and England, visiting old friends along the way. "This closed out a very exciting period of our lives, but we are happy the boat is in extremely good hands and will continue on its adventuring ways. We have recently purchased a Rhodes 18 for day sailing the waters of Fisher's Island Sound." Sandy is busy in his shop doing metal and mixed media sculpture, while Sidney continues her involvement in protecting open space and our water resources. ✷ Don and **Sue Daniell Phillips** wrote at Thanksgiving time from the sunny South, "where we have just eaten too much turkey, as usual." They "had a wonderful visit in October from **Ken Milner**, wife Rian, and their son, Kenny. We had visited them twice in Madrid and they finally reciprocated. We reviewed our yearbook and the 25th reunion book as we got caught up. At the time of our 25th, Ken reported that he had written a book, still unpublished. As he left Charlotte, he presented us with a copy of the now-published book *Appointment in Madrid*. It was published in England, author K.W. Milner, but is available on Amazon. I wonder who else in the class has had a novel published?" Sue and Ken both agreed that the 50th is a must!

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Dave Collin, in Stuart, Fla., says that all the hurricanes missed them this year and all is well. ✷ **Dick Krasker**: "After 38 years in our Chestnut Hill home, we have downsized and moved to an apartment in South Portland, Maine, overlooking Portland Harbor and the city of Portland. We are now just minutes from daughter Andrea and husband Chip—and just an hour from Fryeburg, where I continue to volunteer on various town committees." ✷ **Terry Twichell** "recently returned from a fantastic trip to Peru—Machu Picchu, Cusco, and Lima, then on to Quito and the Galapagos Islands. Great sights, animals, food, and people! I highly recommend a trip of this type." ✷ **Harriet Badger Rockwell** has sold her home in North Carolina and is building a new home in Azle, Texas, a bit west of Fort Worth. She's looking forward to seeing the national parks and the "rest of the West." ✷ **Ruth Wininger Reiterman**: "At last I am tipping my toes toward technology—well, sort of. Succumbing more to external pressure than internal need, I have acquired a 'mailbug'—the world's tiniest keyboard cum screen, with a single function: e-mail. My address is tsquared@mailbug.com. No computer jokes, please!" ✷ **Eric Lorentzen** summited Africa's Mt. Kilimanjaro in June 2005 with son Jonathan (16). There's "still hope for the 'aged,'" he writes. ✷ **Greta Street Russell** is still enjoying her life as vicar of an Episcopal Mission in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where they recently completed a new building. She reports that "Chaplain Scott's influence still taps me on the shoulder now and then." ✷ **Richard Hofmann**: "I spent an unforgettable and marvelous 2.5 weeks in the Holy Land in October 2005, visiting my cousin and her husband, a German military attaché in Tel Aviv. We visited Jerusalem, Galilee, Masada, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the ruins at Beth Shean, the Golan Heights, Yad Vashem, Tiberia, Qumran, and much more. Israel is a wonderful country. I learned a bit of Hebrew and had a chance to practice my Arabic." ✷ **Carol Sippel Monsees** writes that it was "great to see a fun group of friends in Naples, Fla., last season! Visitors to the area included **Ron** and **JoAnn Witmer Anderson**, Bill '58 and **Noelle Caseley Locke**, **Cynthia Haver Rigas**, **Cynthia Hall Marshall**, and **Willie Williams**. Keep on coming!"

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So much news, so little space available! Laurie and **Dave Barenborg** (labaren@msn.com) were thrilled with the arrival of grandson Justin, first child of their 41-year-old daughter, Debbie. This is their fourth grandchild. They report it's wonderful that all four of their children live in the Seattle area. Laurie and Dave enjoy visits from Middlebury friends, including the **Cobbs**, the **Quimbys**, the **Steinles**, and the **Lardners**. ✷ **Dick Atkinson** had such a good time at our 45th that he's trying to figure out how to make our reunions more frequent. Every two years, he attends the Sig Ep festival at John Sinclair's ('62) farm in Dick's Vermont hometown. Granddaughter Sydney Julius (3.5) entered the Green Mountain Valley School J–8 racing program, run by her father. ✷ Mary and **Lars Carlson** summer on Lake Superior, where they have built a lakeside home. They have given up sailing, but spend time on the lake in their trawler. Last summer they visited the pristine areas of Nippigon in Canada, as well as vacationing in the Maritime Provinces. This year will include a cruise around Latin America, an area Lars has seen from a business standpoint (running a company in Latin America) but not as a tourist. Their winter home is in Port Charlotte, Fla., where they are involved with the American Cancer Society. **Dan Durland** visits them for golf in Florida. Judy and **John Rogers** visited in January from their new home in St Mary's, Ga. Two winters ago, **Bob Cain** visited Dan and Lars in Port Charlotte for a round of golf, a game he had scoffed at in the past, being an avid tennis player. ✷ Retired about two years, **Ken Haupt** plays golf, hunts, fishes, mountain bikes, and flies his plane, a twin-engine turbojet. They have a place in Montana, where they fish and hike. Last year Ken visited the Seychelle Islands in the Indian Ocean for some super catch-and-release fishing. In January he spent a week eco-touring and saltwater fishing in Costa Rica. ✷ **Rick Ayer** is mostly retired from corporate, industrial, and travel photography, while wife Claire is a busy international lawyer with the Paris office of Hughes, Hubbard & Reed, specializing in property and franchise law. Some five years ago, they bought a "warm weather" home in the Palmeraie outside Marrakech (Morocco), a three-hour flight from Paris. Wanting to move closer to the Atlas mountains, they sold their place and are beginning construction on a new home on three hectares (six acres) in the middle of an olive grove—with the snow-covered Atlas "on their breakfast plate." Rick visits the U.S. about four times a year to spend time with children and their families. ✷ **Al** and Jean Yeomans '62 **Lamson** were in Coral Springs, Fla., over Thanksgiving to help daughter Kate and her family recover from Hurricane Wilma. Both police officers, Kate and husband Jeff had no time to take care of their own hurricane recovery. Al and Jean cut and cleared damaged trees, repaired screens and the pool fence. Al has joined the Maine Handicap Skiing Program as a volunteer at Sunday River, a great program with about 300 volunteers and 250 skiers. ✷ **Evelyn Harry Hopkins** and her new husband, Mike Higgins, have retired to the mountains of northeast Georgia: "We built a log house way back in the woods and love it here. When I can find time to stop playing, I'll join the local conservancy." ✷ **Pieter Schiller** has finally retired from the venture capital business. He and Betty spent a good part of the winter in Weybridge, Vt. Pieter was actively involved in Michael Claudon's Digital Bridges J-term course and the related conference, held each year in late January. ✷ Since leaving the practice of law a year ago, **Bernie Brodsky** established the ombudsman function for St. Bonaventure Univ. in Olean, N.Y., and works part time as the ombuds officer. Barbara finished her master's in school counseling and is a domestic violence counselor at the YWCA. Son Seth and his wife are in Berlin, where he has a Humboldt grant and she has a European Journalists Foundation grant. Daughter Cordelia taught English in Japan, has lived in Spain, and will be in India for several months. Chance, a high school sophomore, is an avid lacrosse player in Buffalo. ✷ **Linc Clark**'s daughter, Katherine '01, with degrees in music composition and American literature, is in her first year of medical school at UVM and happy she made the decision to become a doctor. Linc's son, Joshua (Bates '96), designs products and manages operations for Transparent Audio in Portland, Maine. His wife, Portia, has her

own company, Portia Clark Freshwater Pearls (www.portiaclark.com). Customer Katie Couric can regularly be seen wearing her Portia Clark jewelry on NBC's *Today Show*. ✳ Susan and **Sherb Merrill** spent Christmas in Seattle with the grandkids (ages 5 and 3). Despite the distance, they go out every three months for 10 days. This July they're taking their 14th cruise, their second to Alaska. Golfing at River Landing in Wallace, N.C., is consistently great. In April, they are attending Sherb's 50th high school reunion at Kent in Connecticut. ✳ **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** lunched with **Gretchen Augat Reilly** and **Nancy Phillips** in Providence, R.I., over the holidays. They enjoy their continued friendships with Brad Nichols '57 and Mint Dole '56 and spouses, who live nearby. In March, they hoped to join the Sun Valley Midd Ski week and they continue singing with a 60-member chorale at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Conn. Weather permitting, they often ski in southern Vermont. Bruce '55 and Sue Heyer Byers '55 were joining them in February for their 4th Annual Eagle Festival. ✳ **Dave Klock** is doing his annual gig as assistant musical director of the Opera Theater of Weston (Vt.). This year's production is *The Little Prince*, with the central role of the Pilot sung by professional opera singer Clifton Romig '87. (Elisabeth Strekalovsky '87 reports that Clifton is a *hunk*, as well as a great singer.) In January Dave played clarinet with a small orchestra in two full-length performances with guest conductor Karen Keltner, resident conductor and music director, San Diego Opera. Then he was in the pit band for a reduced-length version for school groups (roughly 3,000 kids, from 43 schools). Otherwise, he's playing in a wind quintet, treasurer of the local cemetery association, and considering a run for the school board. ✳ In January Amy and **Mike Robinson** had a spectacular trip to Guatemala, learning a great deal about the Mayan culture, visiting ancient ruins, climbing vast pyramids, and visiting native villages in a "non-tourist" manner. Amy speaks fluent Spanish and Mike is a beginner. The experience sparked Mike's interest and he has enrolled in a Mayan history class. ✳ **Vcevy Strekalovsky** has changed his firm name from Strekalovsky Hoit Raymond to Strekalovsky Architecture. He's busy weathering a change from mostly public to more private work; multi-family housing projects, banks, veterinarian facilities, mixed use, and urban renewal, including some LEED Certified green buildings, while completing large educational projects under construction. Vcevy and Jane (Cram) '61 have family in Middlebury now, with daughter Kate, son-in-law Don, and grandsons Malcolm and Nick (attending the Waldorf School in Charlotte) living there. Elisabeth '87, a school counselor in Medfield, Mass., lives in Watertown, Mass., with husband Brian and daughter Marina (4). ✳ The rest of the news from your holiday letters will appear in the next column.
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Roger Christian says it's hard to believe that we all left Middlebury 45 years ago. "I guess that as one keeps busy, time flies by. I have not diminished my work as I am clinical director of the Breast Center at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. The benefit is that I no longer have weekend or nighttime operations. Anne is still nurse manager for a local pediatric practice. Son James '92 is a pediatrician in the Boston area. He and his wife have three children. Laura '94 is writing grants for a charter school. Ben '98 and his wife finish medical school this spring and hoped to be matched in plastic surgery and ob/gyn residencies in the Northeast. We have been blessed." ✳ The Univ. of Maine School of Law Foundation announced recently the establishment of the Shur-Frinsko Award for Municipal Law and Local Governance. The award is named after two Maine lawyers, one of whom is **F. Paul Frinsko**, one of the leading municipal attorneys in the state. The award will be given each year to a student at the law school who has demonstrated academic excellence and accomplishment in the area of municipal law, land use, or local governance. ✳ **Nancy Peck Moss** has written a play entitled *Hostage Wife*, which recently won Abington Theatre's Wolk Award and had a staged reading in NYC. Classmate **Lynn Miner** attended the reading. ✳ **Randy** and Nancy Gould '62 **Clark** are fully retired: "We are enjoying our home on the Maine coast from May through October. Our travel consists of skiing in the West, hiking tours in the national parks of Arizona and Utah, and enjoying our six grandchildren." ✳ The Rev. **Bill Reger** dropped me a note saying he is retired (again) and back in Council Bluffs, Iowa. However, he may be back in action already as an interim minister in early 2006. He is enjoying gabbing with Midd friends of so long ago. ✳ **Bert (Zip) Vonderahe** and wife Catherine both have part-time jobs, she designing and selling stationery and Bert teaching landscape design courses at the local community college and doing design/build projects with their three sons. Bert's oldest son attends a local Dominican college; the other two are in the local Catholic high school. While taking his middle son on a college swing through Hamilton, Middlebury, and Colgate, Bert stopped in to see **Sandy Witherell** at Sandy's orchard in Shoreham, Vt., and celebrated old times with **Joe Aulisi** at an upscale tavern in Saratoga, N.Y. Bert and his boys do a fly-in Canada fishing trip every June. Still hunting deer in the Adirondacks and in southern Ohio, Bert shot a nice 10-point buck last fall. He plays golf every week and dreams of beating Art (Max) Cottrell. Hopefully Max will attend reunion and Bert will have the chance! (Give him a call, Bert). Bert also has the fortunate distinction of joining the cancer-curing prostate surgery club. Welcome to the club, old buddy. ✳ Marge and **Harvey Gray** have been on a three-year adventure aboard their Nordic Tug. They purchased it in Waukegan, Ill., and had a wonderful trip through Lake Michigan, stopping at Mackinac Island before going up through the North Channel to Georgian Bay, and working their way through the 44 locks of the Trent-Severn Canal, leading into the St. Lawrence. They were met in the Thousand Islands by Jane and **Tim Moore**, who were on a trip to Quebec for a family reunion and some antiques buying for Jane's business. After a few nights in the Montreal area, the Grays headed south to Lake Champlain. After son Elliot's 2003 Vermont wedding, they went down the Champlain Canal to the Hudson. As they rounded the tip of Manhattan, they said the Statue of Liberty was quite a sight! Summer 2004 took them from Wickford, R.I., to Seal Harbor, Maine. They had dinner and caught up with Jinny and **Nick Dabney** in Woods Hole, Mass. Cruising the Maine Coast meant dodging lobster pots all the way. Last summer, they went from Maine to Nova Scotia and on to Newfoundland, spending seven straight weeks on the boat. They say they are still speaking to one another! In early January, they left Daytona Beach and stopped in to see **Steve** and Sue Comstock '63 **Crampton** in Vero Beach on their way south to the Keys. Harvey and Marge say life is too short to just sit. Enjoy while you can still move about! They hope to see everyone in Middlebury for our 45th reunion. ✳ Susan and I enjoyed the great treat of having the Grays steam by our residence on their tugboat on the Intracoastal here in Vero Beach. Had a great time catching up on their news over dinner with them and Janet and **John Kerney**. The Grays cruised the Florida coastline for a month and then headed north to Hilton Head, where they were leaving the boat and trading water time for a month of snow skiing. Then back to Hilton Head and on to reunion with the Moores for a few days. ✳ Speaking of Jane and **Tim Moore**, we had the pleasure of hosting them overnight during their week's visit to Palm Beach. Seems Jane told Tim she was abandoning Carbondale, Colo., for a week each month this winter, because they had five feet of snow in their yard. Needless to say, Tim says the skiing is as good as he can remember. Tim and I ventured out on the golf course, where fun rather than skill was the byword for the day. ✳ And speaking of golf, Susan and I had great fun taking Patrick Kerney, John and Janet's all-pro defensive end, to our golf club here in Vero. He hits the ball 400 yards, but with his slice it ends up only 280 yards in the fairway from the tee. We should all have that problem! Getting to know Patrick teaches one that not all those behemoths in the NFL have oversized egos, undersized IQ's, and a nonexistent value system. He is a credit to his profession and to his family. ✳ **Frank Coy** reports he and wife Gail held a mini-reunion with Ann and **George Chatfield** in Toronto in August. Chat's daughter, Shawn, and her family accompanied the Coys and the Chatfields to see the Blue Jays and Yankees play a three-game series. For the 45th reunion, the Chatfields and the Coys are booked at the Courtyard Marriott. They plan to stay a few extra days and may be looking for golfing partners. They hope for a great turnout and I hope others are following their lead and reserving early. ✳ Lyle and **Bernice Rondeau Durbin** have moved from Colorado to mid-Tennessee to be near grandchildren and lots of golf. Bunny is "looking forward to reunion and a lot of traveling. See you there!"
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Bonnie Bonnaviat retired from teaching French for the government in July 2004: "I have loved every moment of my newfound leisure, including a visit with Ed and **Leslie Dearborn Cronin** last fall during a nostalgic month of visiting auld lang syne. Once current home improvement tasks are completed, I plan to travel as much as possible, particularly in France." ✳ **Stephen Erskine** has been librarian and supervisor of operations of the Seymour Library in Auburn, N.Y., for 36 years. He has overseen two major building projects and the formation of a library district during his tenure. According to a recent newspaper profile, his career began by chance when he was assigned to oversee some libraries during his stint in the Air Force in France and later in Texas. After the military, he studied library administration at Simmons College and worked for two years in the library at Dickinson College before assuming his position in

Auburn. ✷ **Michael Kulick** reports: "In April 2005, I became of counsel to Francis, O'Neil & Del Piaro, Hartford, Conn. I am semi-retired. On August 3, 2005, we became grandparents for the second time with the arrival of Molly Kulick." ✷ **Charles Gately** and Barbara Marder-Gately were in Middlebury this winter for the happy occasion of daughter Leslie's ski-down graduation at the Snow Bowl. Chuck, who founded LaSalle Systems Leasing, Inc., in 1980, was recently made chairman of the company. ✷ **John** and **Betty Allen Hornbostel** are retiring to their home in Hammock Dunes, a golfing community (Tom Fazio and Rees Jones golf courses) along the Atlantic Ocean in Palm Coast, Fla., about 20 minutes south of St. Augustine and 30 minutes north of Daytona Beach. Betty has been retired from the travel business for about five years, after selling her interest in her travel agency business to her partners. John has been practicing law about 35 years, the last 25 as general counsel of two holding companies. They are selling their home in the Youngstown, Ohio, area. After working on his golf game, John may consider continuing the practice of law. They welcome visitors. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Howard VanDeusen** last October. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.
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Elizabeth Meier Tilton (M.A. French '64) and husband John are again living in Santiago, Chile, for a year (until July 2006). "We enjoy living here," she writes, "but miss the easy access to outdoor activities we have in Boulder." ✷ **Peter Frame** reports that he has launched a new early-stage media investment company, Galileo Management, based in NYC and focused on new digital entertainment. Living in NYC, with summers in Duxbury, Mass., he and Cece are thrilled with three granddaughters—Taylor, Sadie, and Skyler, all under the age of four. They are the daughters of Jennifer and David Frame '91. ✷ **Chris White** continues to make new Midd connections almost weekly, in places like the trails at Sugarloaf in Maine. Unfortunately, only a few of them are from the 1963 era.
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Rick '62 and **Mary Ann Woodbury Coy** are first-time grandparents! Son Mike and his wife, Jenn, welcomed son Clayton Ronald Coy on September 28, 2005. Mike and family live in Oshawa, Ontario. ✷ Jane and **Charlie Gibbons** have moved from Fairfield to Westport, Conn. Charlie has come out of retirement (for the eighth time!) to be executive VP for the Delve Group, a boutique strategy, branding, and marketing company headquartered in NYC. In addition, he's starting a new company in Orlando, where they spend a significant part of their time, especially in winter. From January to May, they are living in Winter Park, Fla. Their most exciting news is the arrival of two grandchildren in 2005! Grandson Colin Temin Gibbons arrived on July 25 and granddaughter Dorthea (Dorrie) Magnus Gibbons was born on September 25. Both live in the Boston area.
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Ted and **Nancy Adams Morse** hope to move back to Vermont in 2008. Ted continues to be headmaster at the Antilles School in St. Thomas, while Nancy has a computer programming business. ✷ **Susan Emrich Bobilin** (M.A. German '66) still enjoys studying European history, German, and French.
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[Ed. note: Congratulations to Secretary T Tall and wife Cynthia, who were among four Addison County residents honored with Middlebury College Citizens' Medals at a ceremony and dinner on January 11, 2006. T and Cynthia were recognized for their ongoing commitment to philanthropic work in many community organizations. T has been active with the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Service, Rotary International, Addison County Home Health and Hospice, the local Vermont Green Up chapter, and Cornwall's select board and planning commission. He and Cy have co-chaired the United Way board and are current co-presidents of the Cornwall Historical Society.]

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After 27 years in public relations, **Kay Patterson Rodriguez Sider** writes that she retired from the Univ. of Wash. in 1999. For 20 of those years she was PR director of UW's Health Sciences Center, with its hospitals and schools of medicine, nursing, etc. For her last few years she served as director of communications for the university. Since then, Kay says, her "kind-of-retired life has settled into a lovely cadence." In summer she runs a corporate tour business in Seattle for clients such as Boeing, Microsoft, and Amazon. In the winter Kay teaches a class in public relations writing at UW. In the spring she travels with husband Ed, "an almost-retired mechanical engineer and great guy." On weekends, they enjoy seeing eagles and great blue herons from their place on Whidbey Island to the north of Seattle. With three children between them, the Siders are beginning "that deeply satisfying grandparent phase. Life is good," Kay writes. Over the years, Middlebury contacts have been few, although **Randy Washburn** is married to a good friend of Kay's. Recently, however, she enjoyed "a glorious reunion" with **Carol Sue Tarbox Tombari**, **Diane Takamune Anderson**, and **Polly Moore Walters**, as well as a visit with **Kathy Baker Worden** and **Debbie Dain**. ✷ **Sam Gillespie** was recently named vice chair of Cobalt International Energy, L.P., a new oil and gas exploration and production company, headquartered in Houston, Texas. The former general counsel of Mobil Corp. (1994–2000) and Unocal Corp. (2003–2005), he led Mobil's key negotiations, including the global merger with Exxon Corp. He was instrumental in the expansion of Mobil's exploration and production opportunities in many locations around the world. ✷ After living outside the U.S. since 1979, Dr. **Tim Turnbull** has returned to New York. He's a marine biologist, specializing in parasitic diseases of fishes and coral reef ecology. ✷ **Jean Gear Lamont** has launched an educational consulting business, eduInnovations, offering services to independent schools (see eduinnovations.net). ✷ **Joel Najman** is known as the Phantom at Vermont Public Radio: "I like to go into the Colchester studio after midnight when the only other people around are the cleaning service." Well known in Vermont for his Saturday evening VPR program, "My Place," Joel thinks of the program as a documentary of contemporary music, with an emphasis on the stories behind it. He produces about 48 programs each year with rarely a rerun. Each program requires two or three hours in the studio—as the Phantom! ✷ **Stephen Heidel** reports that he and Lynne are grandparents! Their daughter, Sarah, gave birth to a baby boy on January 31, 2006. ✷ **Linda Ramsay de Kort** reports: "It was wonderful to explore N.W. Montana with Derek and **Linda Whitworth Marshall** in September, when they came to Montana to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. The Marshalls have a very successful cottage industry, Derek Marshall Lighting, located in Sandwich, N.H. ✷ **Peter Kingsley** continues to operate his air charter company, Kingsland Air, Inc., north of Boston at Lawrence Municipal Airport. He writes that he is "flying about the country and Canada, promoting a unique fly and sail adventure tour from my office in Marblehead, Mass., where I enjoy my family—Janet, Julia, Ruth, and Sammy the dog." ✷ Like so many of us, **David Frese** has lived a life much different from any he could have imagined when we were all at Middlebury. He has followed a number of interesting paths—from getting a degree in economics to repairing Porsches to developing commercial properties to faux painting. "I've been rich and I've been happy, but never both," he writes. "But hold on—there's more. I've saved the best for last." After finishing an M.A. in clinical psychology, David plans to move to France to set up a practice with the love of his life. "I'm packing up all my accumulated stuff, sorting, throwing stuff away, getting ready to depart. I went to Alabama in March '65 for the Selma to Montgomery march, and continued to be a civil rights and then a peace activist for years. Today's culture is decidedly not the one I marched for. And I don't feel like I have the energy or stamina to try to do anything about it. So, rather than work at the macro level, I'll spend the rest of my life at the micro level, working with adolescents and their families, with a specialty in substance abuse. That's where I think I can nowmake a difference, so that's where I'll work." With a major new chapter beginning, David talks about his attachment to Vermont, where he believes he's visited every town and where his stepson and his "sort-of-daughter" and two grandkids live. "I always assumed I'd wind up in Vermont. But I'll be back some fall to see the colors." ✷ Final reminder: Our 40th reunion is coming up, June 2–4.
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We are happy to announce the publication of *The Canoe Atlas of the Little North*, by **Jon Berger** (Boston Mills Press, March 2006). Jon writes: "As some of our classmates know, I have been paddling and compiling routes for five decades and writing the Atlas for the past 20 years. The book covers the area from the east shore of Lake Winnipeg to James Bay and the North Shore of Lake Superior to the south shore of Hudson Bay." All 49 chapters include maps reproduced to scale and some 400 drawings by Jon. ✷ **Nancy Jope Delaney** and her husband enjoy playing in the Gordon Perine '49 Alumni Golf Tournament each September. They invite more classmates to get involved and share the fun, both

on and off the course: "This is a wonderful opportunity for alumni golfers of *all* levels to get together, play some golf, reconnect, meet new people, socialize, and generally have a great time—and maybe even win a prize. And in case you've forgotten, the view of the Green Mountains from the Ralph Myhre Golf Course is just beautiful. This is a Friday–Saturday event, with the College offering a dinner on Friday night so all can socialize. This leaves some additional weekend time available for more get-togethers and reminiscing." If you're interested, contact the Alumni Office and let **Susie Davis Patterson** know as well, so we can plan some classmate activities for the rest of the weekend. And if you would rather play some more casual golf, we can easily set up a duffers round at a nearby course for the same weekend. ✳ In March 2005, **Carol Collin Little** did some medical teaching in Malawi, Africa, along with husband George and daughter Malaika, who is now a pediatric resident at the Univ. of Wash. "Memorable experience," Carol reported. She also enjoyed a "great gathering on a sparkling October weekend with several '67 Midd women, paddling down the Connecticut River." ✳ **Mary Tallafuss Cuyler** (mcuyler@ sondryfolk.net) and her husband have retired to Salida, Colo., where they would love visitors. ✳ **Bert Newman** reports that "daughter Karensa graduated from Middlebury in May 2005. Hooray! She misses Midd, but doesn't miss Vermont weather!" ✳ **Rick** and Molly Watson '69 **Hawley** have retired to Ripton, near Bread Loaf, where he plans to finish a novel and a study of the deep nature of boys. "It's a pleasure to be back in Vermont, after 37 years teaching and headmastering at Cleveland's University School." ✳ One of the perks of being a class secretary is that I have a reason to be in touch with classmates. This time I (Susie) started with a favorite set—our D-8 guys. There are six in our class, which is a very good show, indeed. ✳ In 2003, **David Robinson** moved with wife Felicia, daughter Tonya, and son Willie to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, where they love living overlooking the harbor. David is operations manager for his brother-in-law's sloop, *Picton Castle,* now on its fourth world voyage. Adventurous travelers may join the ship along the way for varied amounts of time and distance. Now busy with a TV series following the boat, David plans to add two more ships. In his spare time, he reports, he's in demand to sing in practically every singing group in a 20-mile radius. He adds that they love visitors—Nova Scotia is stunning in the summer and fall. ✳ Also live in a waterfront community, **Barry** and **Laraine Dunn Kasprow** have moved from Maryland, their home for 35 years, to the Delaware seashore, where they enjoy boating, water-skiing, fishing, crabbing, and clamming—especially with their three grandsons. Barry retired from NSA in 2000 and from his consulting at the end of 2003, so they have time for all this, plus lots of golf. Barry won the 2004 Men's Senior Championship at their club and snagged runner-up in both '03 and '04. They are both very active in their local Catholic Church, where, not surprisingly, Barry plays guitar and keyboard and directs the folk/contemporary choir. ✳ **John Liccardi** still lives on Bird's Eye Mountain in Castleton, Vt., and is still practicing law in his private firm, Liccardi & Crawford, in Rutland. He and his wife are enjoying grandparenting two little ones. Still an avid hunter, hiker, and fisherman, John recently returned from elk hunting in Aspen, Colo., bagging a 10-pointer that took two horses to drag out of the woods. (We expect some good stories at reunion, John.) Only surprise is that it has been 10 years since John has sung "outside of the shower." We will definitely correct that at reunion. ✳ Also in Vermont, **Andy Avery** lives in Jamaica (near Manchester) with his Aussie bride Fiona and two children. His long-term threesome, Normandy, still plays and sings most weekends at the Equinox Hotel. I never pass through Manchester without stopping to hear them and be rewarded with "Wake Up, Little Susie." They also play lots of private parties and weddings. Andy's antiques shop, next to his house, is another great stop. When I called, he was playing bridge on the Internet, with a partner in Turkey. He continued playing "a tricky hand" as we visited, but as a Silver Life Master duplicate bridge player, I think it was no sweat. Andy plays online every day, teaches bridge to about 50 students from all over, and regularly wins tournaments with his regular partner from Rutland. They qualified for the National North American Pairs Finals to be held in Dallas this March. Andy's also a good golfer, a match for Barry next alumni tournament. ✳ **Sheldon Baker**, who lives with his artist wife Brenda in Old Lyme, Conn., retired as a top sales coach from Linden Meyr Central (paper products), and moved on from his gourmet critic's role to the publication of a book. Although still consulting for CCT Marketing (teleservices) and serving on the board of New England Mail Order Services (LL Bean, Vermont Country Store, Orvis, etc.), he now has more time to devote to his favorite passions—bird-watching (often with classmate buddy **Bill Kleh**), keeping in touch with many Midd friends, and, especially making music. He is a member and serves on the board of Conbrio, a 52-member choral group. They sang lots of Mozart for a holiday concert, complete with full orchestra and a professional Met soloist. All of which reminded Shelly of "old days with Professor Chapman at Middlebury." Setting a wonderful example for us all, Sheldon says he is relishing this new phase of life with "great zest." Whenever it comes time for reunion, Sheldon is indispensable and indefatigable, contacting and organizing our fab five to sing at our class banquet. ✳ **Bill Richardson** is on the missing list, so let me or Sheldon Baker or the alumni office know how to get in touch. The five I talked with all promised to come sing together for us at reunion '07 and we hope to get all six of our D-8s back.

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Good news from **Nancy Ewald Jackson**: "Having reached an age at which it is important to decide where home is, I've chosen a new one. I have reduced my teaching at the Univ. of Iowa to one semester each year. I now live in Portland, Ore., for seven months each year, and I will be a full-time Portlander in another few years. I enjoy being back in the Pacific Northwest and having plenty of opportunities to enjoy the beach, mountains, and company of old friends. Even better, I am now living close to my two children and four grandchildren. During my 16 years in the Midwest, I rarely had guests from other parts of the country. I have been enjoying the discovery that my house in Portland draws many more visitors, and classmates are welcome. I can be reached all year at nancy-jackson@uiowa.edu." Nancy looks forward to seeing everyone at our 40th reunion in 2008! ✳ After a year and a half at a biotech company in Cambridge, Mass., **Charlotte "Chickie" Sibley** joined Shire Pharmaceuticals in Wayne, Pa., in January 2005, as VP of market research and competitive intelligence. "We moved to the (relative) tropics of Mainline Pennsylvania. It's nice to be back in the mid-Atlantic friends and culture orbit." ✳ **Bob Friedman** writes that he and Donna are now first time grandparents, since the birth of Sydney Friedman on November 14, 2005, in Baltimore. Bob's still planning on his seventh PenMar Challenge Bikeathon in 2006 to raise money for cancer research. ✳ Belated congratulations to **Betty Austin** and Don Henderson (Syracuse '75), who were married on August 8, 2003, in Kerrville, Texas. They have "finally" moved into their new house, where they are enjoying retirement and the "night rise" from their balconies, with a great view of shooting stars.

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Secretary Onion reports: I am immersed in yet another busy, busy year as a high school counselor in Northwood, N.H. Woods walks with rescued golden retriever Baxter, yoga, poetry, and candlelit dinners with Perry keep me sane. My Am Lit background is still going strong, with my local book group in its 29th year! Our house project progresses, with our three kids far flung—Sarah in rainy Monte Rio, Calif., on the Russian River; Rebecca at a doctoral program in American studies at UT in Austin; and Joshua '02 immersed in the beauties of Homer, Alaska, where, as I write, the watch is on for volcanic ash from Augustine! Please, please send your news of how the inexorable approach to 60 finds you! ✳ **Louise Buckwalter Knight** has chaired Saul Ewing LLP's Utility Practice Group since joining the firm in January 2004. Louise was honored to be named Woman of Excellence in 2005 by the Harrisburg (Pa.) YWCA. Her daughter, Rachel, graduated from Barnard College in May 2005. ✳ **Jamie Johnson Fitzgerald** is back in Vermont, where she's practicing law in the intellectual property practice group at Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC in Burlington. Most recently a partner in the Connecticut firm of Wiggin and Dana, she has been a leader in the rapidly evolving field of cyber law and the Internet. ✳ **Greg Lewis** still lives on 40 acres in an otherwise uninhabited valley 16 miles from Aspen. Consulting as Greg Lewis Communications, his most interesting client is Qualcomm MediaFlo, which will introduce 100 multimedia channels for cell phones in October 2006. Oldest son Yale (23) plays hockey for D-I Northeastern Univ. in Boston, where he's majoring in journalism. Son Wyatt (20) is studying Spanish in Guatemala, while stepdaughter Kerstin is a sophomore at RISD, majoring in illustration. ✳ **Peter Reitsma** sums his life up nicely: "I am retired and enjoying Europe."

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Nancy Crawford Sutcliffe is delighted that daughter Elizabeth was accepted early decision into Middlebury's Class of 2010: "She will be joining her cousin, Luke Woods '07. Incredible to think that she will be celebrating her 10th reunion when I'm celebrating my 50th! My husband Roger and I

are still in Northport, N.Y. I'm working as a speech/language pathologist in the public schools and still enjoying it." ✷ **Paul Reed**, who lives in Stowe, Vt., now has two boys attending Middlebury and actively ski racing on the ski team. Clayton is in the class of 2008, while Jack is class of 2010. ✷ **John Baker** became a grandfather in October 2004. He and Cynthia love spending time with granddaughter Fiora, and do so frequently. John is still working full time, but they love to travel whenever they get the chance. They enjoyed a 10-day trip to Positano, Italy, in 2005, and are planning another trip to Europe this year. John enjoys playing golf as well. They have a new address in Avon, Conn. ✷ **Sidney Marsh Moon** is living in West Lafayette, Ind., where she's associate dean of the College of Education at Purdue Univ. Husband Doug is director of the family therapy program at Purdue. ✷ **Marshall Adair** is political adviser to U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Fla. ✷ **Sue Porter Beffel** is still in northern Virginia and "still having enough fun running a mentoring program at the Dept. of State that I don't plan to retire for a couple more years." ✷ Mayor Bloomberg recently swore in the Honorable **Eugene Oliver Jr.**, when he was reappointed as a deputy administrative judge. He was first appointed to the bench as a Criminal Court Judge in August 1990. He and wife Hope have two children. ✷ **Dave** and Elsa Parrington '71 **Desrochers** report from Bath, N.C., that **Judith Lelchook** joined them for New Year's weekend: "Judith hasn't changed at all except that she has four master's degrees and is working on her Ph.D. at the Univ. of Md. She says she loves being a student and working at her regular job as a hospital social worker. Judith still has her cute smile, shy ways, and humility. We were sorry to hear that she had recently lost her husband. Judith lives in Alexandria, Va. In Bath, we picked pecans and tended our beehives, suited up in beesuits." ✷ **Sue Thompson** and **Stuart Parnes** had dinner with **Bee Ottinger** in Middlebury on January 7. Sue and Bee were both teaching winter term courses at the College—Bee's called the Visual Language of Editing and Sue's Poetry as Autobiography. Sue is visiting writer for the spring semester at SUNY Binghamton, making the 600-mile round trip from her home in Mystic, Conn., once a week. We hope she found some classmates living nearby to stay with during snowstorms! ✷ **Woody Jackson** is enjoying life in Cornwall, Vt., and playing noontime hoops at the College. He has two boys in college (Hampshire and Lewis & Clark), one son in high school, and two sons (ages 2 and 4) in preschool. "It keeps one young, or afraid to grow old." Wife Ingrid Punderson Jackson '88 is a realtor and former all-American ski racer. She's opening her own agency (www.ingridpundersonjackson.com) this spring. ✷ **Ginger Ward** says she's "semi-retired and loving it! I would like to find a new direction, a new avocation. Is anyone else in that situation? I would love to hear your plans!" ✷ **Tena Rodgers Boehm** was sorry to miss reunion. Having retired from teaching German and working in admissions at Baylor School, she's in "the sandwich generation" between parents, children, and three grandsons. But, she comments that "life is good."

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We were saddened to hear of the death of **Michael Cochran Cudahy** in January 2006. Michael was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and majored in philosophy. He had a long and fulfilling career in the law in the state of Arizona. We send our sympathy to his wife Joanie and his children. ✷ **Peter Wood** and wife Ellen celebrated Christmas with grandchildren Matthew (2) and Emily (6 weeks). Last April they went diving on the historic World War II wrecks in Truk Lagoon. ✷ On the literary scene, **Linda Watson** writes, in a P.S. to the winter class notes, that "I did go to Geo's book party (George Matteson's book launch for *Tugboats of New York: An Illustrated History*) and ran into **Bob Zuck** and **Bill Piper**. Bob is playing in a band and he says the music he's making is 'better than ever!'" ✷ **Judith Irving** recently changed jobs, from being ED of Vermont Interactive Television to being part-time director of the Vermont Women's History Project and part time running her own consulting business. This gives her and her husband enough flexibility to spend more time at our small farm in Mexico, which we share with my daughter who runs an outdoor adventure company called Baja Sierra Adventures. The rest of my time is taken up as chair of the board of Gifford Medical Center. ✷ **Deirdre Gonia Halat** writes that she has been teaching French privately to little children for 25 years, after resigning from a full-time teaching job in French/German. She has been active in the Alliance Française and has raised her daughter Becky with French: "I sent her to French teachers, played songs, had her meet French children. She is now 24 and pursuing a doctorate in French!" ✷ After more than 10 years of work compiling information from over a hundred different maps, personal experience, and consultation with land managers, **Suzanne Webel** has published the first and only Comprehensive Trail Map of Boulder County, Colo. As external VP and map coordinator of the Boulder Area Trails Coalition (a purely volunteer trail advocacy organization), she reports that all proceeds from the sale of the map will be allocated to new trail construction and maintenance. "I've always been a map wonk," she reports, "and an explorer of nature. My Middlebury degree in geology, my subsequent experience as a petroleum exploration geologist (now retired), and my ongoing interests in art and trail advocacy, helped me to undertake and complete this large project successfully." For more information, go to www.boulder-trails.org. ✷ In the small world department, you never know when you'll run into a friend from Middlebury. My family and I belong to Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church here in Binghamton. On a sunny fall Saturday, we were in church for the ordination of Samantha Vincent, who was becoming a deacon, a step on the way to becoming a priest. During the service I realized my husband was speaking with someone behind me and heard him say, "Does Susan know you are here?" I turned around to find **Leslie Boyle Shipps** with her husband, Larry '70. Both were beaming with pride: Samantha is their niece. It turns out that Jan Vincent, Samantha's mom, who had been my friend and fellow second soprano for four years in a local choir, is Larry's older sister. At the reception after the service we had a great time meeting the entire extended family and catching up with news. Leslie recently joined the Compass Group as a financial representative, focusing on long-term care. ✷ Continue to send news to your trusty class secretary. I will happily use it for this notes column.

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Betsy Coquillard White reports from Los Gatos, Calif., that she and Whizzer moved home again last June and are "thrilled to be living in our 'new' rebuilt house" after 18 months in temporary quarters following a 2003 New Year's Eve fire. As of Christmas 2005, the yard was still "a work in progress and now the rains have started." Son Sandy is living with the 'rents while job hunting and applying for grad school. Daughter Becca is thriving at Wake Forest Univ. Betsy continues happily in library work and Whizzer is adjusting to life in a giant corporation (Willis). ✷ **Mark Carolla** is a senior imagery intelligence analyst at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, where he coordinated Air Force and NGA airborne imagery support to areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Mark's 30-year career in the Defense Department—as an intelligence analyst, diplomat and arms controller—grew from his Middlebury ROTC experience during the Vietnam era and subsequent two years as an Army officer. Middlebury "provided me with the knowledge, mentoring and incentive to make this journey. I continue to refer to Prof. Malmstrom's geography courses and history courses with Lamberti, Pereira, Tillinghast, and Jacobs, as I mentor and teach this generation's intelligence professionals." Mark and his wife, Leeann Pierce, have two college-age daughters, Katherine (at Randolph-Macon) and Angela (who graduates this spring from Virginia Tech). ✷ From **Nancy Morgan Serpa** in Arlington, Va., comes the sad news of husband Lou's sudden death September 17, 2005, as a result of a massive heart attack while playing in a senior baseball league. "There's no good way to lose your spouse, best friend, other half," Nancy writes. "The kids—17, 13, and 12—and I are taking things one day at a time, but many days are *very* hard." Anticipating hard times at Christmas, they planned changes in their usual holiday celebration, but opted to continue their traditional New Year's open house which "Lou always loved." Our hearts go out to Nancy and her family as they find their way in a changed world. ✷ More sad news for our class: **Cynthia Watkins Ketcham** of Montpelier died November 28, 2005. Cynthia formerly lived in Middlebury and worked at Fletcher-Allen Hospital as a nuclear medicine supervisor. She belonged to the Society of Nuclear Medicine and the American Society of Radiological Technologists. She was active in the Middlebury Lions Club, Addison County Chamber of Commerce, Green Mountain Club, and the Addison County Opportunity Center. Our sympathies go to her son Peter and husband Robert. Condolences also go to Cynthia's good friend **Molly Welch**. ✷ Finally, I (**Jennifer Hamlin Church**) enjoyed an unexpected moment of professional glory in December when I was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Great Lakes District of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. As this year's recipient was being described, I kept thinking, "I should know this person. He or she has done a lot of the same things I have." It was quite exciting! ✷ By the time you read this, we'll be barely a year away from our 35th (oh, my) reunion. It's early, but plan to come. As we know with increasing clarity, life is short. Each day is a gift to be savored and celebrated. In that spirit, send your news, glad or sad, so your friends can share it or

help you to bear it. And plan on a good time in spring 2007.
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Masha Chamberlin Belyavski-Frank was promoted to the rank of professor of Russian at DePauw Univ. in May 2004. In December 2005, she was named a University Professor at DePauw for 2006–2010, a major four-year award for "sustained excellence in teaching, professional development, and service." In her awards letter, the university president commended her for her teaching in Russian (language, literature, and culture) and for her scholarly research, mainly in Balkan linguistics, as well as literary translations from several Slavic languages. ✷ Artist **Steve Miller**'s work has been partially inspired by his stunning collection of Neolithic Chinese pottery. While living and teaching in Hong Kong, he was astounded by the number of Neolithic objects available for reasonable prices and began collecting Chinese pottery in 1999. These pots, paired with his lush paintings that incorporate MRI imagery, X-rays, and computer codes from scientific research, reflect his interest in science and the nature of time. An exhibition of some of his work, "Finders Keepers: The Obsessions of Passionate Collectors," recently appeared at the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton, N.Y. ✷ A play written by **Deborah Schneider Greenhut** as an artist-in-residence at the Makor program of the 92nd Street Y was staged on January 29. The play, *How I Live With Terror*, has also been selected for the Core Project of the Riant Theatre. ✷ In Montpelier, Vt., **Bill Holland** is "hard at work raising two daughters—Sylvia (6) and Lucinda (2)—while writing screenplays and doing what it takes to keep the house in one piece through a Vermont winter." ✷ **Michael Downs** suffered a stroke two years ago and had to relearn how to sing and teach music. An inspirational piece detailed his journey in the December 5, 2005, *Bennington Banner*. ✷ The sympathy of the class is extended to **Stephanie Blankenship Herrell** on the death of her mother in August 2004. Stephanie reports that she is "the grandmother of eight wonderful children, including twin boys born in 2004." ✷ **George Schirtzinger** reports: "Kids are all over the place, but I hope to see all three of them and ski in New Mexico in the early spring. Alexa was in the middle of the storm that recently hit Honduras. Eric will finish college this December. Peter, who graduated from the Univ. of Rochester last May, is in Washington, D.C. I have started a low-budget racing program and a few other hobbies to keep me off the streets and out of the office. No land speed records will fall but it is impossible to be unhappy on a racetrack, I have found. Life improves." ✷ **Bob Lally** is pleased that his daughter, Jennifer Lally, will be joining the Middlebury Class of '10. As a senior at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn., Jennifer is an outstanding student and captain of the ski team. Son Bobby, a sophomore at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, spent part of last summer in Alaska on the cutter *Acushnet*. He sails on the Coast Guard Academy varsity offshore sailing team. Son Jason (12) was on the State Championship U12 Connecticut soccer team. As for Bob, he reports: "I passed my Coast Guard licensing test to be a captain and have an article in the January issue of *Sail* magazine. I have no immediate plans to quit my day job as a Tax CPA/lawyer, but it is always good to have plan B in the wings. I have just taken delivery of a new sailboat, a Beneteau 57 named *Cosmo*, and Bobby and I are making plans to sail her to Bermuda this summer on his break from the Academy. I have stayed in touch over the years with **Chuck Clark**, who is very involved with his continued love of flying and has just taken delivery of a twin engine aircraft. So between us we can get places either very quickly or very slowly. If Chuck meets us in Bermuda, it will take him three hours and us three days!"
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We came, we saw, we ... misspelled? Somewhere between the secretaries' original submission and publication, the type lice infested the last Class of 1974 column long enough to result in a misspelling of one classmate's last name. The published version called him "Tucker Saw," but of course it's **Tucker Swan**. Apologies to Tucker. ✷ **Chuck** and **Diane Dellamano Brakely** are still happily ensconced in Maine, where Chuck continues to work at Patriot Mutual Insurance company in Brunswick (when he isn't out on the golf course) and Diane is ad manager for the *Cape Courier*, a local newspaper. She's also still sewing tote bags as Della Mano Designs and has added "found object jewelry" to her inventory. Daughter Jess is looking for a position as a high school art teacher in Maine. Son Dan creates computer games for Sucker Punch Productions in Washington state. ✷ Another Mainer, **John Duncan**, reports that daughter Meredith is a French major at Smith, while daughter Lauren is a senior in high school, going through the grueling college application process. ✷ **Susan Coburn Humphrey** has moved on from children to grandchildren. In addition to Drew (2), she now has a granddaughter, Phoebe, who was born last August. Susan lives in Weybridge and works part time at the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op and part time at the Vermont Book Shop. ✷ Since 2000, **Philip Verre** has been deputy director of the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. He has been involved in an expansion project that recently doubled the size of the museum. Philip and wife Nancy have three children, Gregory and Gabrielle (9-year-old twins), and Julia Rose (5). ✷ **Joan Torkelson Stearns** was an assistant U.S. attorney in Texas. Since retiring, she has moved to the Denver metro area: "As a transfer student and also as one who took a year off school, I know people spanning several years. Would love to hear from anyone. I am particularly interested in hearing from Walter Newman '73, Jane Roy Brown '75, and Richard Pukatch '71, since I have lost track of them." ✷ With reorganization at the Univ. of Northern Colo., **William Hoyt** reports: "I find myself sitting in the position of director of the new School of Chemistry, Earth Sciences, and Physics. I still get to teach, though!" ✷ After six years as director of the Cincinnati Art Museum, **Timothy Rub** has been appointed director and CEO of the Cleveland Museum of Art as it undergoes the largest expansion and renovation in its history. Tim and wife Sally, an artist and graphic designer, have two children, Peter and Katharine. ✷ **Sandra Hylander Collier** was recently elected chair of the board of directors at Union Bankshares Company. She's the owner and principal of Sandra Hylander Collier Law Offices in Ellsworth, Maine. ✷ We close with a saddening note: **Jim** and **Nancy Burns Rugen** report that they are "still in shock and grief over the death of our dear friend, Timothy Rowe '73. It meant so much to us to join with friends at the memorial event in Mead Chapel June 27, 2005. All our best to classmates and Middlebury friends."
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Ellie Davie Leavitt received her Ph.D. in geology from the Univ. of Reno in December 2004. She's consulting in Nevada and is VP of the Geological Society of Nevada. Husband Jim is exploring for silver and gold in Nevada. Son Will (21), a senior at Hampshire, is interested in microbiology and extremophiles. Daughter Julia (19), a freshman at Whitman College, spent last year living with an AFS family in Bolivia and traveling in South America. Daughter Jenny is a junior at Reno High School and a great swimmer. Jenny wants to be an exchange student in Argentina next year. ✷ **Marc Simpson**'s big project for the past academic year came with his part-time appointment as curator of American Art at the Clark Art Institute, "a huge show of 171 Winslow Homer works from the collection." He adds that "It is always a pleasure to welcome recent Middlebury graduates to the Williams graduate program in art history. They are great students with superb undergrad training!" ✷ **Andy Blank** is "developing real estate and speaking a lot of Spanish in Tucson, Ariz." ✷ This February, Marlborough, Mass., resident **Donald Rider** took office as the head of that city's legal department. He had been assistant city solicitor in Worcester. Don has been a 12-year member of the Marlborough Conservation Commission. ✷ **Polly Hallett Kawalek** has been elected to the board of directors of Martek Biosciences Corp. After 25 years in various capacities at Quaker Oats, she was serving as president of Quaker Foods at the time of her retirement in 2004. ✷ **Wesley Brooks** becomes the new chief financial and operating officer of the Lawrenceville School in June 2006. He was employed for three decades by JPMorgan & Company with assignments in New York, Hong Kong, Sydney, Australia, and Washington, D.C. In 2000, following the merger of JPMorgan and Chase, he was named chief operating officer of the combined firms' investment banking businesses in Australia and New Zealand. Wesley and wife Kate are the parents of three children, including two Lawrenceville graduates. ✷ Historian **Nancy Price Graff** was in Brattleboro recently to present slides from the Farm Security Administration's visit to Vermont in the 1930s and 1940s and discuss the significance of the project. Over seven years, nine photographers working for the Farm Security Administration's Historical Section visited Vermont to document its rural culture. Nancy has written widely about Vermont's history and culture and was the curator of Middlebury College's exhibition "Looking Back at Vermont."
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Colyn Case writes: "After following my computer career from the Boston area (17 years) to California (10 years), we finally made it back to Hyde Park, Vt., in 2004."

While "still working as a chip architect for Santa Clara-based nVidia Corp, maker of graphics chips for PCs, the original Xbox, Sony Playstation3, and other upcoming wireless products," his commute no longer involves flying his own plane, as he did from Northern California to San Jose for several years. With her master's in education from Antioch New England, **Nancy Humphrey Case** is a freelance writer, having published many items in the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Highlights*, *Sierra Heritage*, and other periodicals. She has a couple books on deck, looking for a publisher. Daughter Christa, who completed undergraduate work on the "seven-year plan" while cross-country ski racing, is now editor of the European desk at the *Christian Science Monitor* in Boston. Her brother, Ian, is still racing and working on his music business (see www.ianethancase.com). Daughter Bronwyn is adjusting to Vermont life and eighth grade, having grown up in California. ✷ **Mary Hodgkin** lives on the Maine coast with husband Tom Dunne: "After getting an MBA at Tuck, working for Digital Equipment Corp. for 14 years (four in Switzerland), retraining to be a landscape architect, doing that for a couple of years (one year in Australia), I am contemplating my next move. It's nice to be back in Maine, where I grew up and where much of my family still lives." Mary's been taking care of her elderly mom, traveling, and doing lots of garden renovation and quilt design/construction. ✷ **Jim Brochin** reports big changes in his life: "For 16 years, I practiced commercial litigation in large, prestigious firms, middle-sized firms, and two-person firms. It never was soul satisfying, and did little to allow me to express my creative side. And, by and by, it got routine; yes, boring. The catalyst for my career change was my divorce five years ago. I entered an intensive teacher certification program run by the state of Connecticut in summer 2002. I'm now halfway through my fourth year teaching history and civics at Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven. Most of my students are Hispanic, and I get to use Spanish every day, thanks to the 1974 Middlebury summer intensive language program! Put simply, teaching is much harder than the law. I sleep less, take every opportunity to make a fool out of myself, can be passionate about my job, and can be creative in many ways. And well, I get paid less than the law." In conclusion, Jim submits a "shameless" personal ad: "Looking for DF, funny and smart, who sees the twists and turns in the road as adventures." ✷ Since attending graduate school at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, **Pierce Hollingsworth** has been in the Chicago area, where he interviews prospective students for Midd. Pierce and wife Vicki have three kids: Tom (22) at Northwestern, Nate (20) at DePaul, and Jessica (17) finishing high school at Wheaton North. "So, after 30 years, I'm definitely Midwestern, at least around the edges. Occupationally, I've been in media since graduation, and I'm also an adjunct at Northwestern Univ. Business and family get me back to New England regularly, but it's been awhile since I've seen the campus. I've almost made it to several class reunions, but the timing is tough because it falls around [high school] graduation, and Jess is due this year." After Hurricane Katrina socked the South, Pierce helped his cousin's family in Laurel, Miss., get back on their feet. ✷ **Terry Ryan Webster**'s daughter, Erin Ryan '03, was married in October 2005: "Classmates may remember Erin because she carried our class banner at our 25th reunion. The wedding party was mostly Middlebury alumni and there were tons of guests also from Middlebury." Terry's son, Briton, recently transferred to Morgan Stanley's New York office. Terry and husband Mike Webster live in Boulder, where they enjoyed a great ski season this year. ✷ Living in Colorado Springs, **Leslie Klein** works for SRM, a German company that sells power training systems to pro bike racers. She mountain bikes in summer, snowboards in winter, between visits to San Francisco where daughter Linzy is on a full volleyball scholarship at the Univ. of San Francisco. ✷ **Greg Adams** was one of 49 lawyers from Dinsmore & Shohl LLP selected recently by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2006*. ✷ **Per Lorentzen** moved to Palm Beach, Fla., in August 2004: "Four hurricanes since then!" He's the managing partner of Green Wing Ventures LLC, developers of environmental and renewable energy projects and technologies. Per and wife Rachel have two kids, Cornelia (14) and William (13). ✷ In Potsdam, N.Y., **Charlotte Koplinka** is teaching high school English—"both a challenge and a joy." She reports that she married Robert Trithart on July 3, 2004, "in a garden ceremony followed by a pizza party. Middlebury friends **Lisa Bent Chace** and **Sue Rindge Bigl** came to help me celebrate. Our families still have summer homes on Lake Champlain. We get over to Vermont less often than we wish we could, but dream about it often. Visited Lisa in New Hampshire in August and saw **Mary Ann Mihalik Ward**, who was visiting from Idaho. It felt just like 1975 again—even if we don't look like we did in '75!" ✷ **Eric Silverman** married Melanie Wilson on June 4, 2005, in a ceremony at the Four Seasons Las Vegas. Middlebury was well represented at the wedding. Daughter Laura '07, brother Adam '86, and **Andrew Sobel** enjoyed the celebration, along with friends and family. Eric looks forward to seeing all of the '76 crew at reunion in June!
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Diane Coplin Hammond is working on her third novel. After Doubleday published her first, *Going to Bend* (2003), they bought her second, *Homesick Creek* (July 2005). We haven't heard what the title of her third novel will be yet, but it will undoubtedly be about life in the Pacific Northwest, where Diane lives with husband Stephen and daughter Kerry. ✷ **Scott Markus** (www.agreement.com) was named one of the top 50 mediators in California for the second consecutive year. ✷ **Carol Pope Wallace** recently took part in a business seminar on manufacturing conducted by the Central Connecticut State University Institute of Technology and Business Development. Carol is the president and CEO of Cooper-Atkins, manufacturer of temperature, time, and humidity instruments for global food service. ✷ For 25 years, **Michael Blount** made his living as an accountant in Danbury, Conn., where he and wife Mary-Anne live. He joined the Connecticut National Guard in 1990, surviving 13 weeks at Fort Sill and going on to be trained as an artilleryman. He earned the Northeast region soldier of the year award in 1992 and regional noncommissioned officer of the year award in 1993. When he decided to become a drill sergeant and train new recruits, he had to leave the National Guard and join the Army Reserves. In September 2004, he had six weeks of training to prepare him for 10 months of combat in Iraq. After training new Iraqi army recruits, he spent nine months hunting insurgents in Fallujah, narrowly being missed by attacks and a car bomb. This past fall, Michael closed his Danbury firm, Blount & Company, to join the Army full time. We await further news of Michael and wish him all the best.
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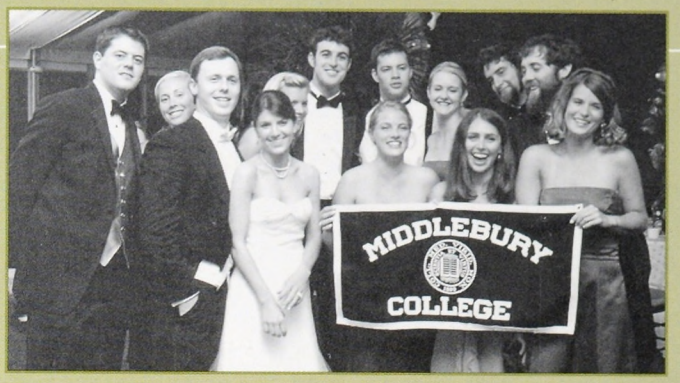
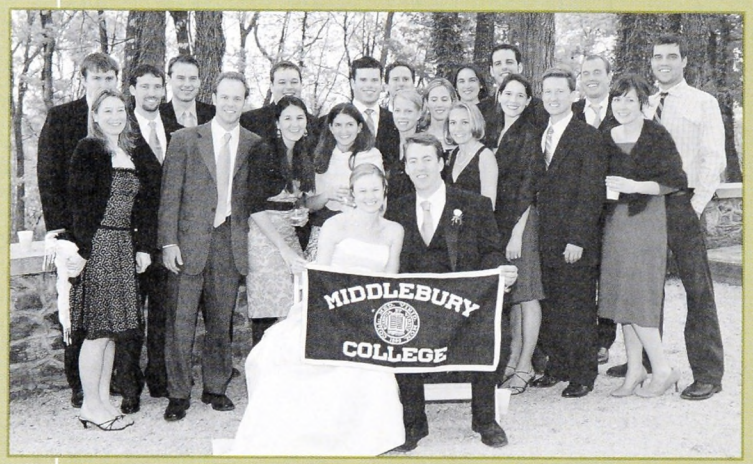
Martha Jacobsen Durkin was trying to organize a small Midd reunion in Paris with friends who are turning 50 this spring. We hope to hear much more. The Durkins are thrilled that second son Ian will be joining his older brother, William '08, at Midd next year: "It is so much fun to go back to Midd as a parent!" ✷ Other '78 parents are already *leaving* the fold, including **John Whitton**: "Eldest Lindsey graduated from Midd last May and is serving as a Teach for America Fellow, working in Spanish Harlem teaching sixth and seventh graders." John still enjoys the bond trading business. The Whittons, who enjoy traveling as a family, spent Christmas in France, "which was incredible." John is active on the boards of many organizations in Fairfield, Conn., and also keeps "way too busy" following his two younger daughters around on their schedules. We understand that his daughters have forced him to adhere to the "silent sideline" rule for all games! ✷ Not so quiet is **Bob Carolla**, who reports spending New Year's Eve singing "Yellow Submarine" (karaoke) on stage in the middle of Falls Church, Va. His kids' reaction, however, was similar: they "pretended not to know me." Mid-century marks are bringing back memories: On that same night, Bob suddenly remembered "that exactly 30 years before, in 1976, **Lee Campbell**, **Dusty McNichol**, **Naomi Almeleh**, and I celebrated the arrival of the Bicentennial in Times Square." ✷ **Wendy Ellison Mullen**'s book *Ronnie Wood's Smile: And Where It Led* (published last spring) recently won first place in the 2005 Writer's Digest International Self-Published Book Awards! Congratulations, Wendy! From the blurb: "While countless pages have been written about the Rolling Stones and its members, little attention has been given to the motivations and machinations of the fan base that makes this band the top grossing act in musical history. Author Wendy Mullen describes her descent from regular fan to near stalker as her interest in guitarist Ronnie Wood is propelled almost to obsession by the rise of the internet and a few interactions with Ronnie on stage." This "funny, self-effacing tale" is a must read for the Class of '78. ✷ **Mary Gilmore Kirkpatrick** is still practicing law in Burlington, Vt. Her oldest child went to Williams College after taking a year off to ski race. Her high school senior son is good friends with Brad Carlson, son of **Tom** and Nancy Richardson '80 **Carlson**. Her youngest, Katy, is at Burke Mountain Academy. ✷ Also in Burlington, Vt., **Zoe Peterson Erdman** is senior credit manager at Merchants Bank. She has one kid at Whitman College, one at Midd, and one at Holderness. Last fall, Zoe went on a five-week bike tour along the Mississippi River, traveling from northern Minnesota all the way to southern Mississippi. "I spend as much time outdoors biking, skiing, etc., as possible." ✷ Sports also play a big role at the home of **Mark Smith**, who is "still living in Bronxville, N.Y., still an M&A lawyer at Skadden Arps, still happily married to Pam, and still the father of three kids. A junior at Bronxville

WEDDINGS

In Kerrvile, Texas, Betty Austin '68 and Don Henderson (Syracuse '75) were married on August 8, 2003. They celebrated following their marriage with Karen Van Hooft '68 (right).

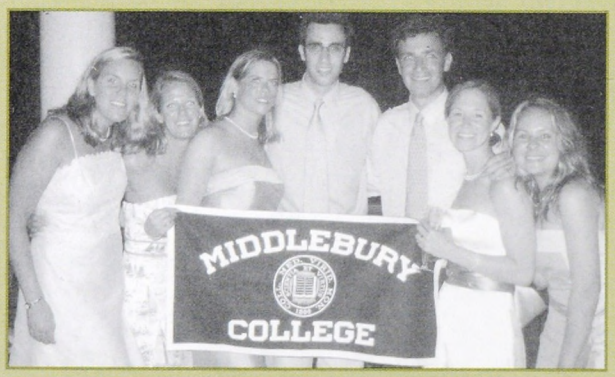


In Gladstone, N.J., the Hamilton Farm Golf Club was the setting of the June 18, 2005, celebration following the wedding of Emily Shioleno '02 and Donald Gerne: (all '02 unless noted) Christopher White, the newlyweds, Caitlin Burditt, Dana Gordon, Megan Gremelspacher, (back row) Kimberley Anthony, Deborah Willis, F. Brian Reilly, Lowell Alexander, Amanda Maxwell, Noah Bickford, and Matthew Wilson '03. Missing the photo were Lisa Pilkington '03, Leah Cumsky-Whitlock '03, and Brian Lavin.



Gathering in Lancaster, Pa., to celebrate the May 7, 2005, wedding of Beth Hengst and Robert Gillespie '00 were (all '00 unless noted) Emily Dwinnells (Spanish School '99), Brady Alshouse, Katherine Barr, Emily Friedberg, Erin Lechner '01, Amy Porter, Lauren Wilkis, Ben Bedford, Brooke Beaney, (second row) Chris Wenger, Brewster Boyd, Brad Gay '98, Jordan Gutweiler, Will Parker, Charles Donnellan '98, Jane Calfee, Nicole Donovan Donnellan, Dave Ferreiro, Andrew Gay, and Andrew Sharp.

Yolanda Vorys '02 and Todd Brown were married on June 25, 2005, in Columbus, Ohio, at the Rocky Fork Hunt and Country Club.



Middkids traveled by plane, car, boat, and golf cart to the June 5, 2005, wedding of Johanna (JoJo) Michaels '02 and Adam Kreisel. Celebrating with them on Bald Head Island, North Carolina, were (all '02 unless noted) Julianne Frisbie Schloat, Elizabeth Donnan, Brooke Hayes, Michael Kreisel '96, the newlyweds, and Michelle Drimmer.

The marriage of Megan Feeney '95 and John Geelan took place on July 2, 2005. Celebrating in Minneapolis, Minn., were '95s Steven London, Shelley Morse Spring, Claire Martin, Elisabeth Ega, the newlyweds, Claudine Coto, Erica Templeton Spencer, Happy Hazelton Daily, and Ethan Skerry.

Following the July 16, 2005, marriage of Rite Moisio '99 and Rich Bouchner, many Middlebury friends celebrated with them in NYC: Liz Frankel '99, Hannah Flynn '99, Lyndley Mercer Mittler '99, Mike Moisio '96, Christina Winters '99, Morgan Porzio '99, Cori Messinger '98, Anne Bruder '98, (second row) Sadie Carney '99, Liza Shaw '99, Hanni Guinn '99, Grace Culley '98, Liza Hinman '99, John Kearns '99, the newlyweds with Kate Odell '98 behind, Kate Landis '99, Holen Miles '99, Josh Krembs '98, Mike Stineman '98, Carey Bass '99, (back row) Mark Bassett '99, Marna Whittington McDermott '99, Tie Mudge '99, Erin Cinelli '98, Sandeep Oberoi '98, Grace Amao '99, Mike Loewengart '98, Mike Stout '98, and Ashley Palmer '98. Kate McGovern '98 missed the photo.

The oceanside wedding of Kris McGuffie '97 and Robyn Erman '97 was held on Deer Isle, Maine. Celebrating with them on July 23, 2005, were Jen Handal Catto '98, Ned Catto '96, Seth Haines '97, Tyler Redmond '97, the newlyweds with Matt Bijur '97 behind, Darcy Falkenhagen '97, Sara Hasan Nagy '97, Graham Tracey '97, and Rob Taboada '97.

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Following their July 30, 2005, wedding, Lauren Wilkis '00 and Ben Bedford '00 celebrated at the Nonantum in Kennebunkport, Maine, with (all '00 unless noted) Abby Dorschel Trafton, Jess Howe Thomson, the newlyweds, Phoebe Chase, Heather McCarthy, Kate Condliffe, Kim Ilardi (M.A. French '02), Will Trafton, Jim Thomson, Mike Baumgardner, Dave Ferreiro, Andy Katz, Dana Dunleavy, Sarah Cooley, Mindy Olson, Gentian Falstrom, and Barry Nelson.

Attending the July 30, 2005, wedding of Wendy Peterson '97 and Aaron Todd in Bryn Mawr, Pa., were fellow panthers Lena Watts '00, Meeghan Murphy '00, Isaac Ro '00, Megan Maloney '98, Josh Nothwang '00, the newlyweds, Laura Coogan Leavy '97, Scott Streater '97, Laura Tabor '97, Eric Barr '01, and Kristen Chencus '97. Missing the photo were Stephanie Ransom Colby '97 and Brad Schenkel '97

In Big Sky, Montana, Mimi Mather '96 and Mike Higuera '97 were married on July 30, 2005. Celebrating at the home of the bride's parents were Phil Higuera '98, the newlyweds, Kirby Harbeck Rosplock '96, Helen Motter '96, Laine Catlin '97, Jen Handal Catto '99, (back row) Steve Goettsche '97, Jon Mone '98, Seth Haines '97, Maya Van Putten Thompson '95, Scott Thompson '94, Matt Feinberg '97, Jill Fontana '96, Megan Byrne '96, Al Catson '96, and Ned Catto '96.

WEDDINGS

A double wedding in Austin, Texas, on August 6, 2005, was twice as much fun and excitement for Christopher Howard '02, Angela Smith '00, Kim Guion '01, Owen Strock '03, Joe Schine '03, Ben Hayes '03, (middle) Amari Parker Harrison '99, Brian Harrison '99, (standing) Amanda Hellenthal '99, John Kuykendall '02, Dorothy Resig '04, Jessica Pasko '01, newlyweds Glenn Olds '03 and Tori Sykes Olds '03, newlyweds Charlotte Sykes Howard '00 and George Howard, Kirk German '00, Luke Farrell '03, and Adam Cohen '03.

Jennifer Beaumont '98 and Davin Wilfrid '98 were married at the Memorial Church at Harvard University on September 10, 2005. Celebrating at the Harvard Faculty Club were (all '98 unless noted) Tamsin Drummond-Hay Trail '99, Kirsten Taylor, Amy Ferenz Hampe '99, Michelle Spina Schmidt, Brian Schmidt '97, Jordan Lungstrum Blackburn, Scott Pokrywa '96, Jeff Trail '99, Jenny Arnold, Jenny Klintberg Murphy, Kirby Salerno, Dan Nelson, Melissa Loeben Nelson, Diana Wiss, Kevan Comstock '97, Michael Roche '97, Collin Williams, Steve Howard, the newlyweds, Katie Whittlesey Comstock, Matt Holt, Ward Lyles, Tim Weld, Colin O'Neil, Ted Johnson, Shayla Schneider O'Neil '99, and Suwha Hong.

The wedding celebration for Amy Ferenz '99 and James Hampe took place in Greenwich, Conn., on August 13, 2005 (all '99 unless noted): Colin O'Neil '98, Shayla Schneider O'Neil, Suwha Hong '98, Tim Weld '98, Jeanne Lee, Lisa Cote Boucher, Jason Mikula '01, Elizabeth Xanthopoulos, Mimi Doggett, the newlyweds, Sarah Cotton, (middle row) Andy Atkinson, Kate Stirrat, Erin McManus O'Donovan, Jen Beaumont Wilfrid '98, Alison Vratil Mikula, Melissa Stewart Bilodeau, Sebastien Bilodeau '97, Kirsten White, Kristin Borden O'Malley, Jen Scott, Susan Givens, (back row) Tamsin Drummond-Hay Trail, Jeff Trail, Davin Wilfrid '98, Matt Trail '96, and Martha Shay Trail '98.

Anna Tiven '00 and Robert Sachs were married on September 17, 2005, at the Waybury Inn in Middlebury, Vt., where they celebrated with Jacqueline Fitzpatrick '01 (Bread Loaf), Nat Waters (Bread Loaf), Alison Barrington '00, Clint Bierman '97, Pete Day '01, and Jeff Vallone '97.

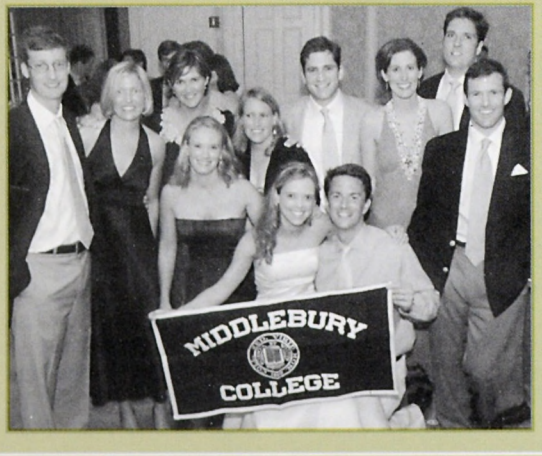
Festivities following the wedding of Jennifer Hazen '95 and Eric Peers took place at Devil's Thumb Ranch in Tabernash, Colo., with Nicole Allard Opperman '96, Stephanie Joelle Collins '95, Mike Berkley '95, Evelyn Lipscomb Berkley '95, the newlyweds, Sara Peskin Weatherley '96, and Matthew Hazen '96.

Cape Cod was the setting for the September 24, 2005, wedding of Tiffany Brinkmann '01 and Kirk Hoffman '01. Celebrating with them in Dennis, Mass., were (all '01 unless noted) Larry Curran, Ethan Lacy, Elsa Palanza, Ellen Rodman, Georgia Goodhue Reath, Elisabeth Gailun Baird '02, (back row) Daniel Lagasse, Jonathan Carr, Nicolas Mitchell, Nathaniel Kellogg, Christopher Brancati, Robin Reilly Wagner '74, and Leonard Wagner '72.

Gathering in Morriston, N.J., for the October 22, 2005, wedding of Leslie Rosamilia and Scott Readlinger '00 were (all '00 unless noted) Lidie Bennett Hudson '01, the newlyweds, Steve Kelly, (back row) Sam Wilson, Thomas Diemar, Anthony Bowes, Matt Franzosa, Rick Morgan, Tasmund Rubel, Craig Paris, Nils Hegstad, Tom Knectal, Jeff Doran, and Chris Ashley. Matt Murphy missed the photo.

Blue and white Middlebury Beau Ties were much in evidence at the celebration following the October 8, 2005, marriage of Erin Ryan '03 and Daniel Stenson '03. Gathering in Westchester, N.Y., were (all '03 unless noted) Dieter Gunkel, Lauren Henry, Jess Lockwood, Tessa Horst, Terry Ryan Webster '76, the newlyweds, Bill Whitaker '74, Tom Ryan '74, Kristy Ostrem, Steph Giannacopoulos Sinis, Blake Barkin, (back row) Matt Dragunat, Nora Dietsch, Anne Rana, Maggie Moss, Rick Jamgochian, Mike Walsh-Ellis, Doug Gascon, Andrew Gustafson, Steve Hulce, Mark Westra (standing in for son Peter Westra '99), Colin Morawski, and Erik Gilbertson.

Virginia horse country was the setting of the October 1, 2005, marriage of Roberta Stewart '95 and Seth Kaufman. They celebrated at Historic Long Branch, Millwood, Va., with Foster Goodrich Hetherington '95, Janine Hetherington '95, the newlyweds, Terra Reilly '95, Maya Van Putten '95, and Duffy Thompson '94.



Ashley McMullin was married to Albert Hanser on October 29, 2005, at the John's Island Club in Vero Beach, Fla. Middlebury friends in attendance included (all '96 unless noted) Elisabeth Wynn '97, the newlyweds, (back row) Andrew Kvaal, Amy Atwood Kvaal, Jenny Fisher, Jessica Angell Moore, Rob Lawrence, Molly Bschorr Ferguson, Jethro Ferguson, Charlie Whinery, and Stuart Salyer.

High, Sam (17) is playing basketball and baseball, while starting to look at colleges. Hilary (16), a sophomore at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y., plays on lacrosse, soccer, and squash teams. Roland (13), an eighth grader at Bronxville Middle School, also plays lacrosse, soccer and squash. All three somehow manage to find time to study!" * **Nancy Greenwald** wrote when she had just returned from a day of skiing at her local ski mountain in Boise, Idaho: "I'm still practicing rehab medicine, in between knee surgeries from skiing. Husband Elliot is still a senator and our daughter is a teenager and thinks we are idiots." * Steve and **Janet Behnken Rawlings** passed several milestones in the past year. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, eldest son Trevor got his master's in engineering from Loughborough Univ. (he's now doing a Ph.D. in robotics), and second son Colin finished his first year at Cambridge at the top of the Engineering School class. "It's going to be a tough act for third son Ben (17) to follow, but he's thinking of breaking the engineering mould and following in my footsteps by studying physics." * **Jennifer Nicasio** is now an administrator for HTG Investment Advisors, based in New Canaan, Conn. She previously worked at Northwestern Mutual Insurance and at Bankers Trust. * **Paul Ode** was one of 10 lawyers from Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2006.* * **Hanna Richardson**, assistant dean in the Martin J. Whitman School of Management at Syracuse Univ., has been appointed associate deputy director of the university's honor program. Hanna is also known as a jazz vocalist, with work released on several CDs and professional performances in the U.S. and abroad. * **Arthur Gallagher** is managing his family's Napa Valley vineyard, just outside St. Helena: "Where we once raised cattle and grew walnuts, we now grow Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, and Petit Verdot grapes. Look for Syrah made by Spencer Roloson winery from our vineyard (La Herradura)." * Business is booming with **Diana Munger Hechler**'s travel company, D. Tours Travel: "Saw a bunch of Midd Kids in Newport this summer. **Blythe Hamer**, **Adele MacDonald Kristiansson**, **Jon Glascoe**, **Cori Josias** (who came from London), **Jennifer Brown**, **Dyann DelVecchio**, **Bern Terry**, and Katie Shepard (Spanish '78)—all hosted by the ever-popular **Chip Callaghan**!"

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Accolades are in order for classmate **Tiffany Nourse Sargent**, director and co-founder of the Middlebury College Alliance for Civic Engagement (ACE). With the support of students, faculty, and community partners, ACE is helping to fulfill the College's mission to educate students "to become thoughtful, ethical leaders able to meet the challenges of informed citizenship and to serve as active citizens, locally, nationally and globally." ACE also renews and reinforces the tradition of being "the Town's College." Tiffany was recognized in 2004 with the Vermont Campus Compact "Campus Leadership for Civic Engagement" Award, and Middlebury was featured in the new Princeton Review book, *Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement, 2005.* * We also congratulate **Ann Jones-Weinstock**, who moved with her family to Monterey, Calif., last August, on temporary loan from Middlebury College staff to the Monterey Institute of International Studies. With the two schools now formally affiliated, Ann has become the Institute's VP for institutional advancement, overseeing development and communications and working closely with Middlebury colleagues to get the word out about this new partnership. Ann writes that she and husband David and their two sons are living in the adjoining town of Pacific Grove, appreciating the walking commute to work along the ocean. * **Peggy Rice Hodgkins** has also been named to a new position, taking over as the third rector of St. Andrew's Church and School in New Providence, N.J., last fall. After an earlier career at NBC News, Peggy earned her Master of Divinity degree (1996) at Union Theological Seminary in NYC, served at Calvary Church in Summit, N.J., for five years, then at Trinity Church and Princeton Univ. since 2001. She and husband Robin are empty-nesters, with three kids now away at school. * **Sue Greene Turner** and family have moved to 94 High St., Medfield, MA 02052, where she would love to hear from friends. Daughter Kelsey entered Medfield High School, after a two-week excursion to Costa Rica and a bike trip to the Cape. She and her dance class were also part of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. First-grade sister Sarah is dancing and playing basketball. Sue is teaching part time, after a 14-year hiatus; husband Jamie recently switched from New England Life to AXA Financial. * **Joanellen Sullivan Hurley**'s summer was spent looking at colleges with Sean (17) and following Caitlin (15) around the ASA softball tourney. They had a great visit with **Majie Zeller**, husband David Kravitz, and her parents, "the ever-fabulous John and Martha." They had a lot of fun and Majie taught Caitlin how to water-ski. "July found us in Sterling, Va., where we caught up with **Dorrie Fuchs**, who kindly took a vacation day to watch softball in 100-degree heat. That's friendship! Fall found us enjoying Sean's senior year of football and revisiting colleges. He has decided to attend St. Anselm's in Bedford, N.H." * **Sue Whitton Goodenough** and Andy '77 and family "spent nine amazing days in Greece, celebrating our 25th anniversary and Andy's 50th birthday. Kathryn graduates from UVA in May and Kyle from high school in June. James is enjoying his freshman year at Rye High." * **Janet Jones Shipp** writes: "Still living in my old hometown of Wilton, Conn. Ran into **Allan Rau** the other day. Didn't realize our boys are at the same middle school in Wilton! After all the years at a dance studio and the arts, I now spend my time on the sidelines, watching children's sporting events. I love being back in a small town and close to all the grandparents. My kids—Hunter (9) and Wesley (11)—have all five grandparents within a 15-minute radius." * In November, **Gretchen Hund** spent two glorious days at Midd giving a talk for the Environmental Studies Symposium: "I spoke on my work in developing a new international standard on environmental communication. **Mary Porter Wright** came up to meet me and my daughters, Robin (17) and Ali (16). The most fun was seeing Middlebury through the eyes of my daughters, who had never been to Vermont before. They really did think that only postcards looked like Vermont really does. Mary was a great host and showed them around a bit while I sat in on a senior class after my presentation. Too much fun with both of Mary's kids at Midd. We also met Isaac Hayes, who was at Midd speaking." * **Henry Heyburn** and Alicia bicycled across Montana last summer, while Caroline (4) and Henry (2) stayed with their grandparents, an arrangement that worked well for all. Henry is on the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in Brunswick, Maine, which recently became one of a handful of bike friendly communities in the country. * One of **Peter Mandel**'s *Boston Globe* travel articles, "Big Sky in Botswana," won a 2005 Lowell Thomas gold medal from the Society of American Travel Writers for adventure travel article of the year. Peter also writes for the *Washington Post* and *National Geographic 'Kids'* magazine.

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Secretary Strater reports: The Straters started the winter off right by skiing at...Vail? Whistler? Sun Valley? No, the Middlebury College Snow Bowl! It was just as much fun this time as it was 25 years ago, especially as we met **Alison DeLaney Granger** and her family there. Her daughter, Amanda, will be starting at Midd in the fall. So will **Rich Silton**'s son, Will. What a kick to have children of classmates be classmates too! * **John Platt** writes from Seattle that after 14 years as an educator (high school English teacher, dean of students, head of upper school), he decided to pursue a new dream in the restaurant business. His urban neighborhood restaurant is called St. Clouds, after the orphanage in *Cider House Rules*, as well as a tip of the hat to Seattle's glorious weather. The Web site (www.stclouds.com) shows pictures of the restaurant and John and his son (14). Remarried two years ago, John often thinks of his Midd years, including five summers at Bread Loaf (M.A. English '91). He would love to have a visit from any and all. * After 15 years in Chicago, **Jennifur Fields Condon** is moving back East. As she says, "It's time to see the ocean, mountains, and an incline that can be measured on a protractor." * **Rob Ackerman** almost literally ran into **Tom Ward** while jogging on the beach in Ponte Vedra, Fla., over Thanksgiving. Rob's play *Disconnect*, which opened in NYC during our reunion weekend, will soon be available at Dramatists Play Service. * **Lauren Geiger Moye** recently joined the fund-raising consulting firm of Demont & Associates in Portland, Maine. In the past, she has served as executive director and producer for Kingdom County Productions in Barnet, Vt., development officer for the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, publicist at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, associate director of public relations at the New York Public Library, and publicist at Macmillan Publishing Inc. and St. Martin's Press. She also received an Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment Programming for *Windy Acres,* a seven-part television show she co-produced with Kingdom County Productions. * **Jeff Brodsky** splits his time between Merion, Pa., and Bangkok. He's a partner in several businesses, including a golf event and sports marketing firm that recently had a hand in the Royal Trophy, Asia's version of the Ryder Cup. Jeff is in the process of adopting wife Usa's 12-year-old daughter, who will attend high school in the U.S. * Biolex Therapeutics, a protein therapeutics company, has appointed **John Elliott Humphries** VP, development. He has over 18 years of academic and pharmaceutical industry experience with a strong focus on hematology. Prior to beginning his career in drug development, he held various academic

appointments at the Univ. of Va. School of Medicine. John and wife Anne Wood Humphries live in Chapel Hill, N.C. ✷ When frost ended the garden season last fall in the Middlebury area, winners of the Great Garden Game were photographed in the *Addison Independent*. The gardener holding a whopping 17.25-inch beet was none other than **Brad Armstrong** of Cornwall.
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Secretary Wagley reports: Class of '81, it has almost been 25 years! Wow! Many of our classmates have been working hard to make our reunion this June a memorable and relaxing celebration. As you know, we'll be up at Bread Loaf and the schedule includes a golf tournament, tennis, and family hike on Friday for those who would like to participate. Mark your calendars for June 1–4. It's right around the corner! I'm also thrilled to report that **Elaine King Nickerson** is picking up the pen again and joining me as co-secretary. Thank you, Elaine! So please send news to one of us! ✷ "Life is very good," reports **Sharon Behn**, who lives in D.C. with husband Tom Guinan, their three children, and two dogs. She continues to work as a foreign desk reporter for the *Washington Times* and has traveled to Iraq twice, as well as Indonesia, Vietnam, and Korea. ✷ **Joan Foster Evans** was recently named co-chair of the Energy and Telecommunications Law Committee of the Business Law Section of the Boston Bar Association. Joan, who has been with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy since 1993, is currently serving as senior counsel in the legal division. She lives in Needham with husband Robert and children Sam, Greg, and Rose. ✷ **Barbara Burns Comstock** reports that she got together with **Marcia Nordgren**, **Leslie Evans**, and **Carol Morrison Bingham** on the sad occasion of the funeral for Marcia's father on October 31 in Connecticut. Barbara and husband Chip, who live in McLean, Va., have three children—Dan (22), Peter (20), and Caity (17). As reported in a recent *Houston Chronicle* article, Barbara's skills as a tireless lobbyist are greatly appreciated. She recently worked with groups advocating the confirmations of John Roberts and Samuel Alito. ✷ **Tyrone Wilson** has returned for his 12th season with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, February 24 through October 29, 2006. He's portraying Rogero and Shepherd in *The Winter's Tale* and Carl in *Bus Stop*. ✷ **Bernadette Czuchra Clevenger** has joined Fairview Lakes Rush City Clinic in Minnesota as a family practice specialist. She completed her family practice residency at St. Paul-Ramsey in 1995. For three years she practiced in Rockport, Maine, and for five years at the Public Health Service Cass Lake Indian Hospital and North Country Regional Hospital. Prior to entering the field of medicine, she served as an exploration geophysicist for Tenneco Oil Company, looking for oil and gas in Louisiana. ✷ **David Deutsch** reports a move to Chappaqua last year "to accommodate our growing family. Our third child, Benjamin (1), is now walking; sisters Hannah and Rachel can't get enough of him. My firm is now in its 13th year (see www.dndco.com/ beta). My wife, Lisa, who runs Neuropsychology within Neurology at New York Hospital, was recently named vice chair of the Weill-Cornell Medical College Institutional Review Board. Kudos to her! In many ways—particularly with a new baby—Lisa and I feel like our lives and careers have just begun!" David has seen a number of classmates recently, including **Frazier Caner**, **Rhodemann Li**, **Chris Viscomi**, **Stacey Pogust Danziger**, **Benjy Burditt**, and **Joe Lovering**. He looks forward to seeing everyone in June. ✷ **Jerry Bossard** is the new vice principal for the Roselle Park School District in Maywood, N.J. Jerry had a successful career in writing, producing plays, and acting (he can still be seen on reruns of several TV shows), before he switched to teaching, which he feels is a creative, noble endeavor. Jerry and wife Annie have three grade-school sons—Aaron, Griffin, and Grant—and Jerry coaches them in their sports. ✷ **Sally Rueger Barnes** has also changed careers. After 16 years in the tourism industry and five years at home with Caroline (8) and Madeline (6), Sally got her master's and now teaches middle school French and Spanish. She writes: "Can't wait to see everyone at reunion!"
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Bob Ritter was recently named the 2005 Division 3 Assistant Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coach's Association (college coaches). This was the first time this award was given, making it an extra special award. Congratulations to Coach Ritter! We all know it is well-deserved! ✷ **MB Cockerham** is "busy chauffeuring Jeremy (14) and Meredith (11) between school in D.C. and all their activities, while still working for Sun Microsystems. I've been there 19 years (some sort of record for a high tech firm) and am still having a great time selling. John is still happy and gainfully employed at Children's Hospital here in D.C. Last summer son Jeremy went away to an academic camp through Johns Hopkins to study Greek of all things. (I think it was really a big social gig under cover as a Greek/geek camp.) When I picked him up at Franklin Marshall College, we lunched at a restaurant and one of Jeremy's closest buddies from camp came in with his family. It turned out his mom was Kathy Leary McCarthy '81! Kathy's husband stood by for a good 15 minutes while we caught each other up on our lives and marveled at the small worldness of it all. Can it be only one year until reunion?" ✷ **Chip Noonan** writes that family life is good in Richmond, Vt. "My wife, Anna, is VP for the Institute for Quality and Operational Effectiveness at Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, while I am home with the kids, volunteering at the school, going to meetings for both town and school, and generally mucking up the home management piece. Our three kids (two boys, one girl) are in seventh grade, second grade, and kindergarten. The speed at which they grow up is astounding!" ✷ **Susan MacGregor Shaw**'s oldest son is applying to colleges: "We enjoyed visiting Middlebury this summer and were awed by all of the changes!" ✷ **Joseph Hammer** is a partner with Day, Berry & Howard LLP, where his focus is environmental and land use. He's also the chair of the Wethersfield (Conn.) Planning and Zoning Commission. ✷ **Chip Clark** lives in San Diego with wife Diana and twins Ashley and Danielle (6). Two Midd students were living at their house during winter term. Chip is into his 15th year with Gen Re New England Asset Management. ✷ **Carrie Markgraf Blum** has been focusing on scientific research and community outreach since 1987. She was recently recognized as an "Ambassador for Scientific Research" by the New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research. Carrie is the founder of an innovative program that brings local middle and high school teachers into the Schering-Plough facility for hands-on research experience. Her career in neuroscience started at Midd with double majors in biology and psychology and a senior honors thesis with Prof. Robert Osbourne. ✷ A memorial for **Steve Riley** appeared in the winter issue. **Rick Hanbury** sent remembrances of his friend: "Steve was a true lover of all sports, particularly golf. Steve had a voracious appetite for sporting news, and subscribed to just about every sports publication available; his subscription to the New England Small College Football Newsletter probably doubled its circulation. While not gifted athletically, Steve found ways to feed his sporting habit and live out his dream of participating in college athletics. He was a member of the Midd golf team throughout his college years. As sports editor of *The Campus*, Steve put his own stamp on division three college sports. (The guys of Voter and Gifford Hall had many enjoyable nights devising clever headlines involving mascots of the opposing teams.) Steve managed the men's basketball team at Midd and was a valued member of 'Voters Choice,' the intramural sports juggernaut which won back-to-back touch football championships. He was also a loyal brother of the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity for three years. In the years since graduation, I would occasionally bump into Steve, always at some sporting contest, from Whaler hockey games to competitive dog shows. Steve was a true fan of all sports and wore the gear of his favorite teams proudly. While to the best of my knowledge Steve did not own a dog, I happen to know which breed he was rooting for at that dog show: it was the Clumber spaniel, he was wearing a sweatshirt bearing a picture of this dog breed the last time I saw him." Thanks so much for writing, Rick. We extend the condolences of the class to Steve's family. Memorial gifts in memory of Steve may be made to the Class of 1982 scholarship fund.
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Anne Sudkamp recently stepped in as executive officer of Alaska EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) at the Univ. of Alaska. Life in the frozen North ("kids go out for recess here until 20 below") continues to go well for Anne, husband Tim, daughter Helen (11), and son Cole (7). Since reunion in 2003, she has especially enjoyed becoming reacquainted with classmates **Carrie Bowman** and **Jennifer Peters**. ✷ **Allegra DiBonaventura Hogan**, a doctoral candidate in history at Yale Univ. and the John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics at Yale Law School, has been awarded a research fellowship by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Her project title is "This Little World: Two Manhoods in Old New England, 1678–1758." ✷ Former Assistant U.S. Attorney **Allison Burroughs** has joined the law firm of Nutter McClennen & Fish, as a partner in litigation. At the U.S. Attorney's office, Allison served as coordinator of the computer hacking and intellectual property section. She is a three-time award winner for superior performance as an assistant U.S. states attorney in the

fields of computer crime, international money laundering, and organized crime. ✷ **Ellen Hereford Thompson** enjoys living in Denver with husband Ches and sons Andrew (9) and Fritz (7). She recently started a new job, heading up the sales group for a medium-sized publisher. She remembers Middlebury as an incredible experience. ✷ Congratulations to **Nancy Wynant** and Bryan Costello, who welcomed daughter Caitlyn Elizabeth Costello on November 16, 2005. They're hoping Caitlyn will inherit some of her father's talent. He's a golf pro!

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Lars Liebeler lives in McLean, Va., with wife Caneel Cotton, daughter Greta (7), and son Langdon (4). Lars (lliebeler@thalerliebeler.com) writes: "While the law practice is interesting, the challenges and rewards of coaching second-grade girls soccer and basketball may outweigh even the juiciest of cross-examinations in the courtroom. We travel to California frequently to visit family, but feel most at home when we are skiing or spending time in the summer at our family's farm in Newfane, Vt., two hours from Midd." Lars sees **Deb Hannon Rosenblum** and her family around town, mostly on hot days at the local pool. Lars also keeps in touch with **Hector Guzman**, who lives with wife Adrianna in Palos Verdes, Calif. Hector was recently appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to a judgeship in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Congratulations, Hector! ✷ After 16 years at UVM, Gordon Woodworth is now news editor at the *Chronicle*, a weekly newspaper in Glens Falls, N.Y. ✷ **Elizabeth Merrick Vecchio** writes that they have moved to Tolland, Conn., because Gerard '83 is now working at Century Capital Management in Boston. ✷ The condolences of the class are extended to the family of **David Jamieson**, who died last October. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ✷ **Aaron Julien** was recently named general manager of the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* in Northampton, Mass. The former director of business development for Newspapers of New England (which now owns the *Gazette*), he will continue to serve as general counsel of Newspapers of New England. Aaron and wife **Abigail Wilson Julien**, who have three children, plan to move to Amherst this spring. ✷ While working as a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards in St. Johnsbury, Vt., **Eric Wilson** is still active in ski racing, coaching the Burke Mountain Junior Race Program. He reports that children Moriah and Matthew (7 and 9) are starting to race as well. ✷ In the Palm Beach area of Florida, **Peter Erdmann** is now with Illustrated Properties Real Estate and wife Lisa Ecclestone Erdmann '86 continues with Lisa Erdmann & Associates, an interior design firm. ✷ **Andrew** and Suzanne Whitty '86 **Zehner** and their three kids have moved to Deal in the U.K. for about a year. Deal is a seaside town located in the county of Kent, "the garden of England," a few miles by motorway from Pfizer's Sandwich research and development facility, where Andrew is working. The kids are spending their days in a wonderful English school, properly done up in their uniforms, trainers and boiler suits in their kit. While taking a leave of absence from Yale Univ., Sue is planning the grand tour of the continent, sort of.

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Since posting our last column, we have heard more from **Mary Rolph Lamontagne**. Mary (mary.rolph@gmail.com) had been living in Montreal when husband Paul was transferred to Cape Town: "After two concussions, a house fire, my 12-year-old falling out of a tree onto his head and missing four months of school, and Paul commuting between Cape Town and Montreal, I decided to close my event planning business, sell our house, and join Paul, with the kids, in South Africa." She goes on to say that the move "has been a gift to all of us." Daughter Charlotte (16) and sons Patrick (13) and Frederic (11) love it at the American International School of Cape Town. Paul has helped to start an NGO to assist young black and women entrepreneurs in the southern African countries through a program of mentorship. Mary has been learning about the millions of NGOs that exist to help with the poverty and AIDS epidemics that are rampant in the southern African countries. After visiting clinics, shelters, and orphanages in the Cape townships, she reports it is a scary situation with no solution in sight. However, Mary has been amazed by the positive attitudes of the people, who "have lost everything, seemingly have very little hope for the future, yet do not give up." Mary loves South Africa and says that Cape Town is a beautiful city, full of artistic energy. She hopes to persuade **Maura Riccobene Bulkeley** (in New York) and **Ann Lundblad Keller** (in Europe) to come visit. We wish you and your family continued good luck in South Africa, Mary! ✷ **Brian Concannon**'s focus in life is improving the lives of people in the Caribbean country of Haiti. From his home in rural Joseph, Ore., where Brian and wife Marcy live simply and grow much of their own food, Brian writes that he is a human rights lawyer and director of the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (see Web site www.ijdh.org). The IJDH helps free political prisoners in Haiti and advocates for more just U.S. policies towards Haiti. Additionally, along with Phil Huffman '84, Brian organizes the Annual BeerGut Triathlon (no bicycling), which started in Painter Hall and will celebrate 20 years on August 5. Thank you for making the world a better place in so many ways, Brian! ✷ **Laura Ottaviano Copic**, now in San Diego, Calif., came solo to our reunion, leaving "perpetual motion machines" son Milan (9) and daughter Emilia (6) at home with husband Miro. Laura worked in brand management for Frito-Lay (where she met Miro in 1990) and Sara Lee after business school and before kids, then took six years off with the little ones. Since moving from Miami to San Diego six years ago, she tried full-time work as VP of membership and events for IDEA Health and Fitness, but the travel and long hours were too much for this mother of two. She has been elected to the planning board that reviews development projects and makes recommendations to the San Diego City Council. She also does some marketing consulting part time. Laura enjoys being an alumni interviewer for Middlebury—she uses the Lohmann twins as an example of how California girls can fall in love with Vermont. Laura's family enjoyed a summer 2005 trip to Italy. The kids loved meeting family members and eating gelato! Laura especially loved our 20th reunion, where she enjoyed hanging out with **Jimmy Davidowitz**, **Josh Paris**, **Paul Oyer**, **Wes Carrington**, **Sara Ramseyer Klein**, and **Cynthia Vanvranken Keating**. Although it had been a long time since she'd seen most of them, Laura said it felt like freshman year again! ✷ **Shelagh Connor Shapiro** is still teaching and writing fiction. This spring she's offering a class in short story writing for the Burlington (Vt.) City Arts program at the Firehouse Gallery. ✷ **Gary** and **Kirsten McLish Oakley** spent the school year in San Miguel de Grande, Mexico, with daughters Isabel and Eleanor. ✷ **Alex Barnes** is an associate in the creditors' rights, bankruptcy and financial reorganization department of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, headquartered in Philadelphia. ✷ **Jon Kelly** is the proud father of son James Stuart Kelly, who was seven months old when Jon wrote! ✷ **Robyn Rieser Barkin** loved reunion and is already looking forward to the next one! ✷ I (**Denah Lohmann Toupin**) have been busy raising my family in Massachusetts. (How did I end up here? Wasn't I from California?) I have two children—Jessica (9) and Rosalie (7)—and a hard-working, kind husband (Paul). My family keeps me busier than I had ever expected. As my children get a bit older, I feel like I'm starting to get my head above water again, looking around and catching my breath. While doing some alumni interviewing for Middlebury, I'm always so impressed by the young people applying to our school. I'm not sure I was so accomplished at that age! Well, Classmates of 1985, please e-mail us with the interesting doings in your lives. We all love to hear about each other's adventures.

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Still living in Taos, N.M., **Bruce Armstrong** writes that he's alive and well and enjoying the skiing there: "Since 2003, I've been running a homeowner-occupied housing rehabilitation program at a community development corporation near Taos that uses HUD HOME funds to rehab homes for low-income homeowners (mostly seniors and disabled) in six northern New Mexico counties. I'm enjoying spending my precious free time with children Judah (7) and Eliana (3) and partner Karen Davis, who teaches second grade in a very rural public school just north of Espanola, N.M." Bruce reports he got a chance not too long ago to catch up with **Sian Hauver** and her husband and young son. He would love to hear from more Midd friends, particularly if they're heading toward New Mexico, at judahjam@yahoo.com. ✷ **Melanie Montague Trent** has started a new job, as corporate secretary and compliance officer for Rowan Companies, but she can still be home when Ellie (8) and Jack (4) get home from school. ✷ Artist **Jane Hoffman Maxwell** was working as a public relations writer for a time, but decided that art was more amenable to the mother of three small children. She recently had a show of some 30 pieces of her collage work at the Carney Gallery in the Regis College Fine Arts Center in Weston, Conn. ✷ **Sol Levy** is among five new full-time faculty members appointed by Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pa. An assistant prof. of history, Sol has served as assistant director of minority affairs at Columbia Univ., director of the Israelite History Project, associate editor of the African American National Biography, and a high school history teacher. ✷ After celebrating his 18th anniversary with the John M. Kirk Company, **Tim Carey** says

he's looking forward to 18 more! "Wife Ann is an R.N in the emergency department at Metro-West Medical Center. Children Timmy (14), Luke (12), and Kaleigh (10) continue to participate in as many activities as possible, making time fly. Hope to see you all at reunion!" Don't miss it! June 2–4!
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Buck Dewolf and wife Rose have relocated their family back East to Westport, Conn., from the San Francisco Bay area: "The move has gone well, but the winters are colder than I remembered. I'm working as a lawyer at GE. Our kids are Same (5) and Tia and Ben (2)." ✳ **Lili Dyer** is at home in Washington, Conn., taking care of daughter Katharine: "I saw **Gretchen Young**, **Lissy Ryan O'Brien**, and many of their cute children last summer. Hope to see more of **Cynthia Mulder**, who has moved nearby." Cici reports that she is enjoying being closer to family and the mountains, since moving to western Massachusetts and starting a job at the Austen Riggs Center. ✳ **David Skelly** and wife Kealoha Freidenburg welcomed son Aidan into the world on October 15, 2005. ✳ **Al Smiley** has taken a new job as head of school at St. Anne's in Denver, effective July 1, 2006. ✳ In Massachusetts, **Xavier Pelaez** recently received a recognition award from Northern Essex Community College. While pursuing his master's at UMass, Xavier has been a career development counselor at the Lawrence campus for three years. He lives in Byfield with wife **Ann Gilmore-Pelaez** and daughter Nina (4). ✳ **Jerome Villalba** reports that all six Villalbas ("wife, three kids, Westie, and me!") are doing well in NYC and Oyster Bay. He reports "the first real double black diamond at Snowmass (KT Gully for those that know it) for daughters Isabel (11) and Victoria (9)." They were heading back for more at Christmas and to Vail in spring. "Next benchmark will be a family run down the Fingers at the Rivler!" ✳ In 2003, **Gina Capossela** received a full academic scholarship to the performing arts program at the American Univ. in D.C., where she focused on Middle Eastern dance history, technique, and pedagogy. She also auditioned for and gained a spot with the Silk Road Dance Company. She found that her background in social work (master's from UVM) is very helpful in her new career. She likes to instill the message that if you have dreams, go after them: "Teaching dance is, for me, a way to teach people to feed their dreams." In Woodstock, Vt., her students recently performed traditional Middle Eastern dance and creative American Belly Dance interpretations. ✳ **Clifton Romig** was happy to return to Vermont recently to sing the role of the pilot in *The Little Prince* at Vermont's Opera Theatre of Weston. Clifton is a bass who has performed with the San Francisco Opera, the Santa Fe Opera, and Opera San Jose, and many others.
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In NYC, **Mary Beth Pryor Gonzalez** is now VP, integrated sales and marketing, at LIME, a new multimedia company that is "building a community of folks interested in a greener, healthier, more balanced lifestyle, focusing on what is good for you, your family, and your planet." Mary Beth reports that work is challenging and interesting: "We're trying to make a difference. We're available on TV, satellite radio, mobile, VOD, DVDs, and online at www.lime.com. My husband is a doctor of nutritional medicine treating cancer and other degenerative diseases through nutrition. Together we've been focused lately on supporting local organic farmers and providing raw dairy and natural meat to the NYC area. Would love to hear from others trying to support the organic food movement at mbgonzalez@nyc.rr.com." ✳ "Life is more interesting than ever," reports **Roberta Sengelmann-Keshen**. She and husband Tamir recently adopted a baby girl, Kendall Rachel Keshen, who was three weeks old when Roberta wrote in the fall. "We call her our Rocky Mountain High Baby!" ✳ **Christina Carter Mann** and her husband recently moved from NYC to Cambridge. She's at home with Will (7.5), Eliza (5), and Grace (6 mos.). ✳ As "the blissfully happy mama of twin girls," **Jane "Jordan" Zahniser O'Neill** is very grateful for her preschool teacher-school counselor-family therapist experience! At age eight months last fall, she reports that they love books already: "Frost poems are their favorites!" ✳ **Isabelle Bleecker** writes that she and **David VanLuven** had twin girls, Emma and Juliette, in October 2004. The twins joined big sister Catherine (4). According to Isabelle, "our lives are crazy but we manage to have a lot of fun." Isabelle is a foreign rights director for Perseus Books Group, a publisher of quality nonfiction. She gets to travel around the world and talk about books (presumably also selling translation rights), while putting her literary studies major to excellent use! Dave recently accepted a job as head of the Nature Conservancy's Hudson River Project, so he'll be working with local groups and the legislature on conservation issues for that part of the world. Isabelle and Dave enjoy living just outside of Albany, because it's not far from Boston or NYC. They live in a "Midd-infested" area: **John Chaplin** and wife Jill Adams and their three kids are nearby, and Harold and Sarah Holbrook Evans '89 and their three kids are just down the street. ✳ **Rena Bartlett** is still in Boston, teaching ESL at a private language school: "If anyone's coming to Boston, let me know!" ✳ Living in Tiburon, Calif., **George Lee** is still at Goldman Sachs, along with Midd roommate **Clark Munnell**. George reports there are "lots of Midd alumni nearby, including **Jed Smith**, who beats me in tennis almost every weekend." ✳ "After attending every one of my own reunions at Middlebury and working in the alumni office," reports **Anya Puri Brunnick**, "I've always been a firm believer that reunions are amazing experiences—but I had had almost no contact with high school folks since graduating. An old friend roped me into going to my 20th high school reunion last Thanksgiving (Acton Boxborough) in Boston. I reconnected with a dear friend and wow—a year later, we married! Mike Brunnick (Holy Cross '88) and I were great friends in high school, but had not talked or e-mailed or seen each other in 20 years! It's been tons of fun! We got married in Exeter, N.H., November 26, 2005. It was a small, wonderful, family wedding followed by dinner in Portsmouth. So, go to reunions, keep an open mind, you just never know."
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A beautiful stamp by **Tania Lee** was issued by the U.S. Post Office in September. Be sure to check it out whenever you need a three-cent stamp. If only the rate had gone up to 40 cents, her stamp would have been on zillions of letters! ✳ **Kristen Singleton** has joined the staff of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, where she was recently named director of membership. She had been the executive director of the New Hampshire Psychological Association for 11 years. ✳ **Lisa Sullivan Cadwalader** and husband George are the busy parents of twin boys John and Robert. They were born in Iwakuni, Japan, on April 30, 2005. Lisa and George recently got together with **Deborah McLaughlin Riley**, **Laura Moloney**, and **Deirdra Singleton** in Newport, R.I. Deb's son, Trey, is about the same age as Lisa's twins. ✳ **Tracy Nordstrom** lives in Minneapolis with husband Kurt Waltenbaugh (Carleton '91) and kids Tucker (6), Milo (3), and Hazel (16 mos.). She writes: "I have run my garden design business for 15 years, and was recently elected to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, an independently elected body that oversees the 6,400 acres of parkland and lakes, the Mississippi river front, and an extensive citywide recreation system. It was a grueling 10-month campaign and I'm thrilled to be part of the political landscape of this great city! If any Midd grads are in Minneapolis for business or vacation, I'd be happy to personally show anyone around what I believe to be one the finest urban park systems in the country. I was glad to see Midd classmate **Craig Anderson** at our 20th high school reunion. We couldn't believe we were old enough to be celebrating such an anniversary. And while Craig doesn't look any older, I sure do! I'd love to catch up with Midd friends at tracy@tracynordstrom.com."
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In Cambridge, Mass., **Monica Chrambach Kucich** is teaching middle school science at the Shady Hill School, where her two sons are both students. At our reunion, Monica got together with **Deb Gow Baginski**, **Erin McNulty Stulb**, and **Gina Martin Youngman**. Each bringing a spouse and two kids, they missed most of the official events, but had a great time getting their families together. ✳ We recently heard from **Tim Harkins**, who spent a year teaching around the country and another year in Boston before moving back to Maine. He's doing well and has two boys (4 and 1). ✳ **Will Bain** is living in Colorado Springs with wife Jennifer, daughter Zoe (3), and son Graham (1). Will reports that he is "prosecuting murderers and other malcontents." ✳ Congratulations to **Jen Humphries** who got married last summer. After living in NYC for many years, Jen has moved to Boston. Jen's husband, Jon, is a linguistics prof. at BU, while Jen works from home as a freelance editor and writer. Jen and Jon spend their weekends hiking in New Hampshire and Vermont. ✳ After a few years in the Big Apple, **Seth Denbo** moved to London in 1993, thinking that it would be fun to live in Europe and see the world for a year or two. Thirteen years later, he's still there, teaching history at a university in England and married (five years ago) to Catharine, a lovely Englishwoman. They recently moved to a tiny village about 20 miles outside of Oxford, where the smell of the dairy

farms reminds him of Midd. When he was back in September 2005 for a family wedding, Seth was able to catch up with **Chris Bernene** and **Mike Rankin**. He reports that both are doing well. ✷ It's great to hear from **Reid Smith**, who lives with his family just north of Boston and works as a portfolio manager for BankNorth. Reid and his wife attended the reunion, where he had a great time reconnecting with old classmates. ✷ Most of the time, **Susan Curry** can be found in Berkeley, Calif., where she lives with boyfriend Ross and their cat. But if she's not there, it's because her job with Mountain Travel Sobek, an adventure travel company, takes her to far and exotic places. She recently returned from an exciting trip to Peru. When Susan came back to Midd for our reunion, she was able to catch up with Middlebury resident **Jess Sturchio Raymond**, who writes a humor column, "Around the Bend" (www.jessieraymond.com), for the *Addison Independent*. It's laugh out loud funny! Jess was awarded first prize in the humor column category for Class 2 Weeklies by the New England Press Association for 2004. She has also been published in the *New York Times* and various other print and online publications. She writes about life as a college-educated flatlander who marries a native Vermonter and much, much more. You really need to go online, read her essays, and subscribe to receive her column by email. ✷ **Dawn Cagley Drew** recently changed jobs and is now a senior human resources generalist with Amerigroup Corporation, a health care company that specializes in managed care for Medicaid recipients. While Dawn misses working from home and her two-minute commute in her PJ's, she's excited to be working in HR again. Son Alex is a very happy baby with four teeth. He should be walking any day now.

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Kate Moriarty Ryan and **Kris Carlson Helbling** celebrated New Year's Eve at the home of **Heather Cheney** in Cambridge, Mass. Kate is a staff attorney at the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women in the D.C. area. She's also the mother of John Patrick, Conor Joseph, and Amelia Katherine—six-year-old triplets! Kris teaches high school English in Clayton, Mo. Heather is an estate and financial planner at U.S. Trust in Boston and the mother of Eleanor (6 mos.). The three managed to stay up past midnight, reading old letters from junior year abroad. ✷ After eight great years in the Bay Area, Annika and **Philip McCrea** have moved from San Francisco to Ridgewood, N.J. ✷ **Kristyn Mills** has been working at Thacher Montessori School in Milton, Mass., for 12 years. This is her fourth year as the art director. She's still traveling (she was off to Egypt at the end of December) and enjoys being an aunt of three. ✷ Jerilyn Thompson and **Peter Buonfiglio** were married on June 25, 2005, in Cranston, R.I. Jerilyn is a registered nurse at Rhode Island Hospital, while Peter is a teacher in the Cranston Public Schools. ✷ Also married on June 25, 2005, were **Julia Paulk** and Sumit Dhar. Sumit teaches at Northwestern Univ., while Julia teaches at Marquette Univ. They live in Skokie, Ill. ✷ No need to remind you that our 15th reunion is alsmot here. See you at Middlebury, June 2–4!

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Pete Walsh organized a Presidents' Day weekend ski trip to Steamboat for **Kingman Gordon**, **Nick Elfner**, **John Rudge**, **Tristram Perkins**, **Matt Pauley**, **Ben Faucett**, and **Bill Tice**. **Gavin Ma**, who has apparently slipped off the face of the earth (or has been traveling to the Far East), was not in attendance. Tristram, dubbed "the Shredder" by the group, was widely regarded as the most capable and daring on the slopes. Congratulations are in order to Matt, who has been promoted to managing director at Bear Stearns in Los Angeles. He and wife Joanne celebrated with the birth of their daughter, Channing Van Petten Pauley on November 2. She joins brother Truman (2.5) in the rapidly expanding Pauley household. ✷ Now living in Geneva, Switzerland, **Banc Jones** invites friends to come skiing. ✷ **Lisa Healy** is a law prof. at Suffolk Univ. in Boston. When she spends weekends in Vermont at Sugarbush, she occasionally runs into **John Mansfield**, who lives nearby and owns an antiques store. Lisa and **Maria Vrachnos** recently spent a week in Aspen, skiing with **Courtney Mather**. In Boston Lisa often sees **Lauren Baker** and Holly Foskett '91, and she recently saw **Lyle Humphrey Johnson** and **Gillian Morris Benson** in NYC. ✷ **Amy Morse** is living in Brookline with husband DJ and daughter Ali (1.5). Amy is a relationship manager at Wellington Management, where she's worked since 1999. ✷ At the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, **Stefanie Hirsh Cousins** recently organized a pottery exhibit juxtaposing pieces from the 18th and 19th century (made in Asia, South Carolina, and North Carolina) with those made today in North Carolina. Stefanie reported that the occasion served as "mini-reunions of people who were fraternity brothers and friends at Middlebury and hadn't seen each other in years. The classes ranged from 1951 to 2003, with a few parents of current students or people recently graduated, as well as Language School graduates (French and Spanish)." ✷ **Rick Faubert** writes: "In 2003, I completed my MBA in Babson's evening program as my eight-year career in professional sports came to an end. I then transitioned into the world of financial services. I'm now VP of marketing and communications for America's Growth Capital, a full-service, boutique investment bank headquartered in Boston. In April of 2004, my wife, Wendy, and I became the proud parents of twins, Annie and James (now 2), who were welcomed home by their older sisters, Caroline (3) and Charlotte (5). We live in Marshfield, Mass., in a house that seems to keep getting smaller. Needless to say, life is busy!" ✷ **Michelle Lund** and Richard Karb were married on July 22, 2005, on Long Beach in Rockport, Mass. Michelle is a teacher and curriculum coordinator at Melican Middle School (Northborough, Mass.), where Richard is also a teacher. ✷ **Lynn Proudian Garofolo** and her husband are happy to report the arrival of son Gerard Ara Garofolo on September 2, 2005. He joins sisters Juliette (6) and Brianna (3.5). They are still living in Katonah, N.Y. ✷ **Drew Meyers** and wife Sharon welcomed son Alexander on February 1, 2006. The Meyers family lives in Oakland, Calif. ✷ Over in Mill Valley, Calif., **Rob Reis** is now the father of three! He and wife Tina Borrone welcomed daughter Ruby in January 2006. Ruby's siblings are sister Sophia and brother Peter.

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In Groton, Mass., **Jed Webber** and his brother and sister recently celebrated the first year in operation of their Gibbet Hill Grill. Their restaurant, bar, and function hall are scenically located in an old hilltop barn, updated to include finely finished cabinetry, wainscoting, and excellent acoustics. ✷ **Dana Pawlicki** has been promoted to director, global product development, in Citigroup's alternative investments division in New York., where he had served the same division as VP and assistant general counsel for three years. Dana lives in Maplewood, N.J., with wife Amy (Zebrowski) '96 and their Great Pyrenean. Amy was recently named a director at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. ✷ **Anna Grattan Flik** has joined the staff of the Albany Medical Center Pediatric Group. She had been serving as an assistant attending physician and instructor in pediatrics at New York Weill Cornell Medical Center. ✷ After 10 years in Colorado, **Rick** and Brooke McDonald '95 **Merriam** have returned to New England. Rick is now assistant director of athletics at Brown Univ. ✷ **Allison Nowicki Estell** recently moved back to Portland, Maine, with husband Mike and daughter Phoebe. ✷ **Renee Moran** reports in from Castroville, Calif.—the artichoke center of the world!—where she's living with husband Todd Samples and sons William Noah (8) and Jeremy Daniel (7). ✷ Joy and **Steve Prescott** welcomed son Sawyer Jensen Prescott on November 27, 2005, in Portland, Maine. Steve managed to finish building Sawyer's new home—"well, for the most part!"—just weeks before his arrival. ✷ **Dave Low** and wife Ellie have adopted Rosa Blair Linen Low, a little girl born July 28 in Guatemala. They picked her up on December 6 and she is doing well along with sister Haven (3). ✷ **David Salisbury** and wife Leigh Gorman announce the birth of daughter Ruby Brook Salisbury on August 5, 2005. ✷ In January 2006, **Peter** and **Ena Michel Laliberte** and daughters Colette (3) and Cleo (4 mos.) were moving to London, where Peter will work for BP's finance group. They had been living in Anchorage, Alaska. ✷ **Eric Puchner** recently published a debut collection of short stories, *Music Through the Floor* (Scribner, 2005). Eric lives in San Francisco with wife Kaathran Noel, also a fiction writer, whose novel *Halfway House* will soon be published. ✷ **Sarah Taylor** has come out with a new Sweeney St. George Thriller, *Judgment of the Grave* (St. Martin's Minotaur, 2005). A member of the Association for Gravestone Studies, Sarah lives on a Vermont farm with husband Matt Dunne. ✷ The *New York Times* heralded the music of a duo called Asteria as "intimate and deeply communicative... meltingly beautiful," when they won the first ever Early Music America Competition for Medieval and Renaissance Music in New York last fall. Soprano Sylvia Rhyne and **Eric Redlinger** (tenor and lute) are the members of the duo. "Stylish and dynamic," according to one reviewer, "this engaging duo brings out the passion and emotional impact of late medieval vocal and instrumental music with timeless songs of wide appeal, transporting their listeners back to the age of chivalry." To listen to selections from their debut album, visit www.asteriamusica.com.

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Still in Washington, D.C., **Jeanie Hudson Card** is honored to be the speechwriter for the Secretary of the Treasury, her second cabinet position and fourth year in the Bush administration. She reports that it's amazing to go to work every day in a building that is essentially a museum, rich with Civil War-era history and a gem of American architecture. (She calls 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue the "second-best address in D.C.") Jeanie keeps in close touch with a number of classmates, including **Carmen Asteinza Hopwood** and **Susanna Woodbury Newsom**, and she sees **Kate Tassinari** and **Kristen Roeder Smith** regularly. She and **Katie Briscoe**, a lawyer at a nearby firm, get together every few months, but not often enough! ✳ **T Cooper**'s second novel, *Lipshitz Six, or Two Angry Blondes* (Dutton/Penguin) was published in late February 2006. T was touring with the book in a variety of cities across the country during February and March. For more information, please visit www.t-cooper.com. ✳ After several years with Deloitte & Touche's Government Consulting Group, **Mridul Rahman** has opened his own practice, Statehouse Group, in Austin, Texas. Mridul has also been serving as chair of MCAA Admissions for the Austin-San Antonio region. ✳ **Caroline Clutz Keeney** is an emergency department nurse at University Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Daughter Quinn Elizabeth is 2. ✳ **Katherine Behrens Crosby** and husband Scott welcomed second son Geoff on July 15, 2005. Earlier in 2005, they moved from Andover, Mass., to Baltimore, where Katherine opened a new interior design business, GMI Design. ✳ **Kebby Ball Holden** reports that she and **Amy McKee** (a doctor in D.C.) completed Middlebury's Vermont Sun Half Ironman Distance Triathlon last August out at beautiful Lake Dunmore. **Hylah Wells Patton** and **Trista Voss Soh** provided much-needed cheering. Amy came in second in our age group! Kebby and Amy are now training for a full Ironman this June. ✳ **Gene Swift** and wife Jamie Goldsborough were surprised by the (very) early arrival of their daughter, Emily Margaret Swift, on January 9, 2006. They suspect that Emily just couldn't wait to hang out with her big brother, Alexander (Zander), who—thanks to Emily's early arrival—is only 16 months older than his kid sister.

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Greg Hanscom and wife Tara Thomas '94 live in Paonia, Colo., with daughter Lucia (1.5) and their dog. Greg is editor at *High Country News*, while Tara is training to be a clinical herbalist. ✳ **Kirsten Bremer Belh** and husband Brian welcomed son Liam Russell in November 2004. They recently moved to Pittsburgh, where Brian is pursuing a pastoral internship and Kirsten is taking time at home with Liam. ✳ Miriam Gassel and **Aaron Mendelsohn** were married on November 6, 2005, in Manhattan. Miriam is a former associate planner at Bloomingdale's, while Aaron is an assistant U.S. attorney with the Justice Department in D.C. ✳ **Shawn Daignault** is a new member of the Stony Brook Univ. football coaching staff. He's now the inside linebackers coach there. He was formerly the defensive coordinator at Kings Point and cornerbacks coach at Penn in 2005.

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Since June 2001, **JS Cournoyer** has been back in Montreal, where he's managing investments in technology companies for CDP Capital. He and his wife have four children—Jean-Samuel (7.5), Emma-Rose (6), Anne-Clara (3.5), and Lilia (18 mos.). Last summer, Pete Schneider '97 and Jessie Donovan '97 and their kids, Griffin and Elliott, visited the Cournoyers. JS was at Middlebury in August 2005 for the hockey alumni weekend, plus his performance in a golf game earned him a spot on the alumni team that played the varsity on November 5: "The game went well, but we lost 6–0. Next year, we'll come back in better shape and hopefully give them a better challenge!" ✳ **Gretchen Elias** is thrilled to call Vermont home again, after a two-year stint in Cambridge getting her MPP at Harvard's Kennedy School. She works at the Institute for Sustainable Communities, a nonprofit that has recently taken her to Ukraine and Russia. She spent the fall in Skopje, helping get their new Macedonian project off the ground. In Vermont, she did the Stowe Derby this year and spent Memorial Day weekend in the woods of the Northeast Kingdom with good friends, including **Marie D'Amato**, **Greg deBeer**, Ben Livermore '97 and Keith Magni '97. She also hangs out with Bryan Wockley '94 and Amy Diller '97. Visitors in Montpelier are always welcome. ✳ **Ian Smith** has moved to a beautiful home in Colchester, Vt., with wife Saunie and son Hayden (13 mos.). In addition to teaching high school physics in St. Albans, Ian has started a new business, called Vermont Rock Candles (www.vermontrockcandles.com). ✳ **Krissy Pozatek** recently moved to East Montpelier with husband Bob Whittaker and daughter Jasmine Bella (16 mos.). In Utah for the past five years, Krissy was a therapist for adolescents in the wilderness setting. ✳ In the historic district of Athens, Ga., **Anna Dondero** has renovated a house and opened Donderos' Kitchen, an international deli and market. Walkers, cyclists, and bus riders receive a discount for leaving their car at home. ✳ **Marty Whited** runs her own business in medical transcription and editing services, as well as Mary Kay on the side. She loves the many sides of Cleveland, Ohio. ✳ **Rebecca Kirk** was recently promoted to VP by Analysis Group of Boston. ✳ **Dave Erickson** is teaching history and coaching soccer and hockey at St. George's School in Newport, R.I. He had been at Lake Forest Academy for the last seven years. ✳ Living in San Francisco, **Jeremy Davidson** is a fourth grade teacher in Oakland at St. Paul's Episcopal School. The bass section leader for the San Francisco City Chorus, he's also singing with a chamber choir, Vox Delecti. ✳ Hopefully you saw "The Life of a Lefty" (Winter 2006 issue, p. 44) about **David Wolman**'s wonderful book mentioned in our last column. Dave and wife **Nikki Pinson** live in northeast Portland, Ore., where Nikki is legal counsel for the Oregon Primary Care Association and also conducts public health-related projects for Community Health Partnership. ✳ **Margaret Seiche** reports that she recently relocated with husband Jacob, daughter Gretchen (7), and son Isaac (1) from Dallas to Beijing. They welcome visits from people traveling in the area. ✳ **Gabi Belfort** and Sara Nelson were married on August 28, 2005, in Newport, R.I. They live in Cambridge, Mass., while Gabi is getting his M.D./Ph.D. from Boston Univ. (May 2006). He's applying for residency positions in neurology in the Boston area. ✳ September 10 was the wedding day of Nora Ferguson and **Eric Foster** at the Oliver Lodge in Meredith, N.H. In Boston, she's a marketing consultant and he's a VP at Trammell Crow Company. ✳ **Jennifer Varney** and Wendy Mailot were married on October 2, 2005, at Stonehurst in Waltham, Mass. Midd friends in attendance included **Jennifer Wells Best** and husband Micah, **Alexandra Dorf**, **Alexis Holtzman**, **Marshall Levin**, and **Dania Palanker**. Wendy and Jen and their menagerie of pets live in Boston, where Wendy is a senior business analyst and Jen is the assistant director of the Boston Library Consortium. ✳ Stacey Hanlon and **Carl Robinson** were married on October 8, 2005. Midd attendants and guests included Eric Anderson '98, **Walter Swanson**, **Ben Lucas**, **Howie Young**, Keith Lewandoski '97, Meg Maloney '98, Jamie Donovan '94, and John Mike Taylor '95. The reception, held at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, was a fantastic Middlebury reunion! ✳ **Ashley McMullin** and Albert Hanser were married on October 29, 2005, at the John's Island Club in Vero Beach, Fla. Midd friends celebrating with them included **Jethro** and **Molly Bschorr Ferguson**, **Jennifer Fisher**, **Andrew** and **Amy Atwood Kvaal**, **Rob Lawrence**, **Jessica Angell Moore**, **Stuart Salyer**, **Charlie Whinery**, Sarah Johnson '94, and Elisabeth Wynn '97. Living in Boston, Ashley is a self-employed HR/organizational development consultant and Albert is a bank manager director. ✳ **Lisa Caruso** was married to Lee Wesner on November 19, 2005, in Providence,

R.I. **Laurel Cox** was a bridesmaid and **Amanda Gordon Fletcher** and **Susie Van Buren** did readings. Other Midds attending were **Bill Dyer**, **Lindsay McClelland Hart**, **Courtney Marsh**, **Beth Del Colliano Pasmantier**, **Mo Renganathan**, **Sid Suri**, **Christy Thomsen**, and **Tracy Varghese**. The newlyweds are living in Providence, where Lisa works for Hasbro as manager of financial analysis and Lee is an anesthesiologist at Rhode Island Hospital. ✷ On December 11, 2005, Tamara King and **Michael Stark** were married in Bal Harbour, Fla. In Manhattan, Tamara works at Arience Capital and Mike is a VP in the real estate private-fund group of Credit Suisse First Boston. ✷ Dave '94 and **Elise Worden Hooper** welcomed Kathryn Louise Hooper on June 19 in Seattle. ✷ **Kevin** and Jenny Walton '98 **Burke** welcomed daughter Phoebe Frances on October 9—two weeks early! ✷ Anson and **Kelsey Fuller Fatland** have a son, Connor (3), and a new daughter, Linden Dalia, born October 12, 2005. Anson has never been to Vermont, so they're looking forward to reunion as their one big family vacation for the year. ✷ The best part of serving as class secretary is hearing from so many classmates on a regular basis. We look forward to catching up with many of you in person in June!

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Abigail Wilson reports that "the last few years have taken me to Iraq, Azerbaijan, and Indonesia with my job as an international aid worker. I am now opening my own import business for crafts from conflict-affected areas." ✷ **Nadya Bech-Conger** reports that she and husband Alberto are living in Cambridge, Mass. Nadya teaches ninth grade in a small public school in Boston. ✷ **Amy Horner** successfully completed her first marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C. on October 30. She recently caught up with Sean Bianchi '98, Mike Szymanski '98, and Sam Sweeney '98, at Sam's birthday party. "All are doing well." ✷ **Meredith DuBarry Huston** has entered private practice, after a two-year federal district court clerkship. She's practicing environmental law at Manko, Gold, Katcher, and Fox LLP in suburban Philadelphia. "Juggling motherhood and my dream job is a challenge I'm enjoying." ✷ **Kris McGuffie** and **Robyn Erman** were married July 23, 2005, on Deer Isle, Maine. They moved to the Boston area shortly before their wedding. ✷ **Nell Fox Savage** is finishing her second year at Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine. Nell and Nathaniel Savage, who were married in Boston on July 30, 2005, are living in Brighton. ✷ **Wendy Peterson** and Aaron Todd were married on July 30, 2005, in Bryn Mawr, Pa. They live in Cambridge, Mass. Wendy is an analyst for the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General and Aaron is sports information director for Merrimack College. Celebrating with them were fellow panthers Lena Watts '00, Meeghan Murphy '00, Isaac Ro '00, Megan Maloney '98, Josh Nothwang '00, **Laura Coogan Leavy**, **Scott Streater**, **Laura Tabor**, Eric Barr '01, **Kristen Chencus**, **Stephanie Ransom Colby**, and **Brad Schenkel**. ✷ The September 5, 2005, wedding of Elizabeth Boule and **Jonathan Tunney** took place at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. In Charlotte, N.C., Elizabeth is a distributor for nutrition supplement Juice Plus, while Jonathan is a bond trader at Wachovia Securities. ✷ Holly and **Bradley Soroca** are delighted to announce the arrival of son Aden Lloyd on April 1, 2005. They live on the Upper West Side in NYC. Brad is a marketing manager at ESPN. ✷ **Heidi Erdmann Vance** and husband Paul welcomed their first child, daughter Martha "Mattie" Grace McCann, on June 9, 2005. They live in Simsbury, Conn., where Heidi is working in the alumni and development offices at Loomis Chaffee. She's also getting a master's at Dartmouth and still running the Curtis R. Vance Foundation for ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease.

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The legendary **Vic Abundis** reports that **Greg Poulos** got married on October 22 in Winona, Minn. Joining in the celebration were **Matt Lasek**, **Myles Felsing**, **Brad Somma**, **Jon Sweeney**, Tim Bianchi '95, **Sean Bianchi**, Mike Hussey '99, Mike Faucher '99, and **Mike Szymanski**. Vic writes: "Lasek has started working on his law degree at Colorado in Boulder. As for me, I'm teaching British and classical literature in Kansas City, which is an absolutely beautiful town—and the BBQ is amazing. Last year I traveled to Budapest, Prague, and Vienna for Christmas which was splendid, and this summer I will be back at Midd attending the Bread Loaf School of English." ✷ Go West, young Bouchard! After spending much of his life in New England, **Craig Bouchard** has moved to San Diego. A three-mile trail of mittens, scarves, and long johns was seen on the Mass Pike on the day of his departure from Beantown. ✷ **Bryan Borgia** recently "did the relay, a 199-mile running race in California from Calistoga to Santa Cruz with **Steve Anderson** and Craig 'Sparky' Van Valkenburgh '99." ✷ June 4–10, **Dan** and **Becky Walldroff Urbano** will be participating in the AIDS/Lifecycle 5, riding the 585 miles from San Francisco to L.A. For more information, see www.teamurbano.com. ✷ **Matt Sheldon** graduated from Hahvahd B-School in May 2005, moved the tribe to Pennsylvania, and is currently orbiting around Synthes, a medical device company. ✷ **Nate Johnson** left his position at Apple Computer and is a first-year MBA at the Univ. of Mich. Meanwhile, **Paige Budelsky Johnson** holds down the fort and entertains their dog, Fenway, back in Silicon Valley. Thank goodness for frequent flyer miles and instant messaging!

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Research analyst **Erin Harrington** has transferred to McDowell Group's Anchorage office, where she assists in managing the seafood market information service on behalf of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. Her recent projects include an evaluation of demand for visitor access to Denali National Park, a study of communication improvements in rural Alaska, and an analysis of the economic impacts of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp. ✷ After Alaska, China, and graduate school, **Christina Winters** has landed in Jamaica, N.Y., teaching English composition and fiction at York College. ✷ **Catherine Sloan** recently joined the healthcare practice area at Bass, Berry & Sims PLC Nashville downtown office. She received her J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School in 2005. ✷ After leaving the U.N. in Holland, **Dwayne Nash** studied law at the London School of Economics: "I returned to Boston College Law School to graduate, hit the books, and then moved to Chicago, where I was awarded the Racial Justice Fellowship at the ACLU. There I worked on several high profile civil rights cases and argued in federal court. Although I loved Chicago and civil rights litigation, I decided to return to NYC, where I have been an assistant district attorney for NYC for almost three years. I love trying cases and helping victims get closure. **Nadia Lescott** is an assistant district attorney in the Bronx, and we have fun collaborating on cases. **Auden Robertson** recently completed New York's bike marathon. Henry Flores '01 and I frequently have lunch—on him, considering he recently brokered an $8 million real estate investment for his company." ✷ **Greg Parent** hosted a MLK Day bash this January at his home in Wilmington, Vt., complete with the usual frigid Vermont temperatures and questionable Mount Snow ski conditions. **Sara Doniger** tore up the slopes on some single digit temperatures with Greg, **Elizabeth Cassidy**, **Adam Burns**, and **Pete Steinberg**. **Chris Lindstrom** and Abbey Haber '01 chose to snowshoe with their dog, Tobey. Adam, Chris, and Pete reportedly received frostbite to their ears while soaking in Greg's hot tub. ✷ Living in Boston's South End, **Sarah Hall** is an entertainment journalist. She was looking forward to spending lots of weekends skiing in Vermont during the winter. ✷ Mark and **Cameron Brown Garriepy** made the move to the Boston suburbs with the purchase of their first home in March 2005. Cameron has returned to working in Beacon Hill "and we find that houses take up far more of our free time than we had expected! After our June wedding, we traveled to Hawaii. I'd love to know who's in Boston these days." ✷ Following their August 13, 2005, marriage, Jim and **Amy Ferenz Hampe** were living in Hanover, N.H., while Jim finished his MBA at Tuck. Amy was working as the senior research associate for the school's Center for International Business. They planned on being back in Boston in the fall. ✷ **Martha Alexander** and Jeffrey LeVeen were married October 29, 2005, in Bluffton, S.C. ✷ **Suzanne Pariser Rabinowitz** is an attorney in Denver, where she lives with husband Noah. ✷ **Sarah Waybright**, **Heather Budd**, and **Justine Kwiatkowski** had a fabulous weekend in Cambridge, Mass., recently, with **Samantha Webb Kading** there in spirit and on the phone. Sarah drove up from NYC, where she's director of business development for Enterprise IG, a global brand consultancy. Heather has been promoted to program manager of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute's Brain Tumor Clinic. In her last semester at the Harvard Design School, Justine is looking forward to applying her landscape architecture degree to "greening" cities. They were looking forward to their next reunion in April, this time in NY. Just before Christmas, Heather ran into **Jen Scott**, who's enjoying doing her ob-gyn residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital. ✷ **Carrie Decato Ayers** recently finished her general surgery internship and married Joshua Ayers. Helping to celebrate in September 2005 were Colin '98 and **Shayla Schneider O'Neil**, **Lindsey Huenink**, **Sara Doniger**, **Greg Parent**, **Cate Devlin Gardner**. Until September 2006, Carrie is the battalion surgeon in Mosul, Iraq, for the 172nd Stryker Brigade.

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00 **Johan Lane**, who recently graduated from medical school in Chicago, is enjoying his internal medicine residency at the Univ. of Colo. ✳ **Guy Livesay** is tying up loose ends in Houston before heading to Michigan for law school. But before hitting the books, he plans on "visiting the Miami scene and showing off my newly toned glutes on South Beach. Look for me rollerblading on the strip!" ✳ **Maya Paul** is excited to report that she found an apartment in San Francisco! "It's an amazing place with lots of light and space in the Sunset district. It's three blocks from Golden Gate Park and about 10 blocks from the ocean." She's sharing the apartment with one of her co-workers. ✳ **Amanda Murchison** is finishing up her master's in secondary English education at Southern New Hampshire University. While student-teaching at the high school in Bow, N.H., she enjoyed co-directing the school's fall production of *Arabian Nights*. ✳ **Terry Wetterman** is a new VP at Atlantic-Pacific Capital, an independent global placement agent for alternative investment funds. He had worked five years in the private equity group at Merrill Lynch. ✳ **Ben Golnik** is the new executive director of the Republican Party of Minnesota, a position he had previously held in Vermont. ✳ Immigrant women in the D.C. area who suffer from domestic violence and many other forms of abuse can turn to the Tahirih Justice Center in Falls Church, Va., for assistance. **Negar Ashtari** is the one who takes their calls and helps them get assistance from three full-time lawyers and more than 100 part-time, pro bono attorneys. Someday Negar hopes to return with her Ethiopian husband to Africa, to apply the experience she has gained in the U.S. ensuring that African women have equal access to the law. ✳ Wedding news has been pouring in. **Brooke Henry** and **Kevin Manfredi** were married June 11, 2005, in Woodbury, Conn. Brooke is in law school at Boston College, while Kevin is a Web site applications developer for e-Dialog in Lexington. ✳ August 13, 2005, was the wedding date of **Jennifer Ashlock** and Stephen LeBlanc, who were married in Windsor, Vt. They're living in Mansfield, Mass., while Stephen works for Caritas Christi Health Network in Boston. ✳ The July 29, 2005, marriage of Amy Erdmann and **Eric Sholk** took place in Bedford, N.H. Eric is a health-care consultant at Boston Biomedical Consultants. Amy is employed at Fidelity Investments. ✳ Kennebunk, Maine, was the setting for the July 30, 2005, wedding of **Lauren Wilkis** (M.A. French '02) and **Benjamin Bedford**. Lauren is a translation project manager at the NYC Department of Education's Translation and Interpretation Unit, while Ben is a resident in orthopedic surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in NYC.

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01 REUNION CLASS

After traveling and working in Europe and the Middle East for a year, **Zach Robert** attended Oxford Univ. and graduated with an M.Phil. in political philosophy. Now he's in his second year at Harvard Law School, where he's a pre-law tutor for the undergraduates and a teaching fellow for the government department. This summer he'll be a summer associate at a law firm in Chicago. ✳ **Kirsten Rohstedt** is teaching English as part of the humanities program for sixth grade at St. Luke's School in New Canaan, Conn. Kirsten is working on her master's at the Bread Loaf School of English. ✳ **Elissa Burnell** recently joined the news team at News Channel 11 in Bristol, Tenn. She had worked at WNNE/WPTZ in White River Junction, Vt. ✳ **Ethan Barron** was the interim cross-country head coach at Tufts this winter. ✳ Freelance environmental writer **Ben Jervey** writes: "I've managed to avoid a full-time job for over three years now, though leaving my apartment as if I'm 'off to work' at 8 A.M. is becoming tiresome." ✳ **Ana Suriel** and **Stephen Fleming** were married on September 24, 2005, in Owings Mills, Md. Before heading out for a wedding trip through Asia, Ana was a marketing manager for Jeffrey Berman, Architect, and Stephen taught English at A. Philip Randolph High School, both in NYC. ✳ The marriage of Jessica Grillo '00 and **James Rudolf** took place in Saddle River, N.J., on October 23, 2005. In NYC, Jessica is a recruitment marketing associate at Goldman Sachs, while James is a lending consultant at Washington Mutual. ✳ Sara and **Max Moyer** welcomed daughter Ella Blue Moyer on January 14, 2005. Max is in law school at Vanderbilt. Sara is running her stationery business and raising Ella.

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02 **Becky Swenson** was recently selected as a Rolf C. Syvertsen Scholar for this academic year at Dartmouth Medical School. She'll graduate this spring with an outstanding academic medical record. ✳ **Yuri Lawrence** is finishing his M.A. in anatomy/neurobiology in May 2006 at Boston Univ. School of Medicine. He'll be moving to the U.K. in August to begin veterinary medical school at the Royal School of Veterinary Studies-Edinburgh. ✳ **Emily Hatch** will be leaving NYC this August to attend Syracuse Law. ✳ **Brian Ferry** has started at Michigan Univ. Law School. ✳ **Nicholas Lesher** reports: "After a long year on the presidential campaign trail, running with Dean, working for Kerry, and fundraising for the DNC as part of the Kerry/Edwards Trustee Program, I took a job in February '05 as an account executive in the national political department of a fundraising firm, called the Bonner Group, Inc. Never a dull moment yet to speak of. I hope to be on my way back to grad school before my GREs expire in '07 and am contemplating a master's abroad, perhaps in Europe or Turkey." ✳ **Anne Alfano** is pursuing her interest in law in D.C., where she joins **Sasha Gentling**, **Yami Fuentes**, and **Nick Lesher** in spreading the Panther Spirit. ✳ **Katharine Wolf** and **Rachael Faraone** are living large in Paris, France. Kat sends word that she's in the process of setting up a Taco Bell franchise in France. In addition, she's working to start a micro-finance network in Paris. ✳ As an assistant in community relations and fan development, **Alexia Katsaounis** arranges for Knicks players to appear at community events and assist with basketball camps and clinics for kids. She also coordinates volunteer events and helps a charity that provides funds to build playgrounds and support after-school activities. ✳ **Tyson Schoelzel** is pursuing a master's of environmental management at Duke Univ. ✳ **Sean Hoskins** is in his second year as director of dance at Blair Academy in northwestern New Jersey. His trips to NYC are frequently to meet Midd friends Julie Baroody '03 (for bowling and NYC Marathon watching), Alison Robinson '01 (for dancing), and Erin Sullivan '04 (for U2 and Bright Eyes concerts). He was happy to go out for drinks with Midd roommate **Ray Coffey** over Thanksgiving break in Burlington. ✳ In June 2005, **Johanna Michaels** married Adam Kreisel, a fellow NESCAC alum, on Bald Head Island, N.C. She also started law school at the Washington College of Law at American Univ. In the fall they acquired Augie, a rescue dog from Hurricane Katrina. This summer she's working at the Legal Aid Society of Washington, D.C. ✳ **Yoci Vorys** and Todd Brown were married last June in Columbus, Ohio, where they live. Yoci is a law student at Ohio State Univ. Moritz College of Law. Todd is an assistant VP and trust officer at Fifth Third Bank. ✳ After **Joan Murphy** and Peter Newell '03 got married on July 3, 2005, in Bennington, Vt., they biked from Shaftsbury to Rangeley, Maine. Joan is in med school at UVM College of Medicine. Peter's in the Ph.D. program in molecular and cell biology at Dartmouth. ✳ The August 28 wedding of Amelia Shevenell and **Matthew Hommeyer** took place at the Barn at Gibbet Hill in Groton, Mass. The newlyweds met on a research vessel in Antarctica. Now living in Seattle, she is a postdoctoral researcher in the Program on Climate Change, School of Oceanography, Univ. of Wash. Matt is a consulting geologist with URS Corp. ✳ Please continue to send us your updates. We love to hear from all of you!

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03 **Kate Perine** is pursuing her master's in history at Trinity College, while also assisting the field hockey and lacrosse teams. ✳ **Dalton Cox** is teaching science courses at the Green Mountain Valley School. She's also a dorm parent, along with **Brian McCurdy**. ✳ **Michael Stahler** has entered Vermont Law School, after working as a legal assistant for Curley and Curley in Boston. ✳ **Caitlin Vaughn** is a research manager at Corporate Executive Board in D.C. "I sit right next to Jacob Carney '04 who is also a manager in my department. I had the chance to catch up with **Paul Gruber** and Tim and **Molly Fitzgerald Perry**, who are also in D.C. and doing well!" ✳ **Amy Peterson** is living in rural New Jersey, working as a kindergarten teacher in a Catholic School. ✳ **Betsy Dawson Drake** will graduate from the Univ. of Notre Dame with her M.Ed. this summer. She continues to enjoy teaching middle school language arts and studio art. ✳ In Beijing, China, **Michael Hatch** is working as a translator for China Guardian, a large auction house there. Last year he served as a Rotary Ambassador at the University of Gavle in Sweden. While there, he participated in the Vassaloppet, one of the oldest, longest, and largest cross-country ski races in the world. Mike reports that he "came in well behind Chris Rogers '06." In Beijing he has "had dinner with Emory Williams '78, caught up with Prof. Tom Moran and his wife, Becky (spending a semester in Beijing), caroused with Lila Buckley '04 and Charles Acher '05, and did some art explo-

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

Patricia Bondelevitch (M.A. '64) of Kingston, N.H., has joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Plaistow, N.H. She formerly taught English in several schools and colleges. ✷ **Bernier Mayo** (M.A. '68) recently became the headmaster of Sacred Heart School in Newport, Vt. He served as headmaster of St. Johnsbury Academy from 1981 to 2001. ✷ In Idaho, **Darryl** (M.Litt. '81) and **Peggy Wenner** (M.A. '81) are both involved in the arts. Darryl is now principal of the Franciscan Cre-Act (Creative Acting) School in Pocatello, an arts-based elementary school; Peggy is the arts and humanities specialist for the Idaho state Department of Education. "We always enjoy hearing about our Bread Loaf friends." They can be reached at dwenner@creact.org and pwenner @sde.state.id.us. ✷ **Scott Hutchison** (M.A. '87) won the 7th Biennial Fiction Contest held by *Thoroughbred Times* magazine. He also won the contest in '98. The state director for the New Hampshire Young Writers' Conference, Scott is also on the faculty of the New England Young Writers' Conference held at Bread Loaf each May. ✷ **Josh Frechette** (M.A. '02) and **Trixie Sabundayo** (M.A. '02) were married in Baltimore, Md., on July 31, 2005. Helping to celebrate were fellow Bread Loafers **Andy Delinski** (M.A. '03), **Liz Ganem** (M.A. '02), **Mary Hueston** (M.A. '05), **Cat Lomonico** (M.A. '02), **Rachel Lloyd-Miller** (M.A. '02), **Trey Martin** '95 (M.A. '99), **Liz Massey-Hopkins** (M.A. '00), **Sharon Phelan** (M.A. '02), **Dave** ('00–'02) and **Kate McIlvain Smith** ('01–'03), and **Susan White** (M.A. '00). Living in Marin County, Trixie is teaching at Marin Academy and Josh is teaching and coaching at St. Ignatius in San Francisco.

French

Paul Côté (M.A. '73) and **Constantina Mitchell** (M.A. '73) recently co-authored a novel, *Winter Passage* (Behler Publications, 2005). A former prof. of French at American Univ. in D.C., Paul headed the French-to-English translation certificate program there for 20 years. As a prof. of French at Gallaudet Univ. (D.C.), Constantina also planned and taught programs in Paris and Quebec City. Both are involved in translation work for the National Film Board of Canada. ✷ The Rev. **James Dalton-Thompson** (M.A. '78) is the new rector of St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in Falmouth, Maine. He had been serving as rector of the Church of the Ascension in Rockville Centre, N.Y. ✷ The Rev. **John J. Hanwell** (M.A. '84), the associate director of advancement for the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, has been appointed president at Fairfield (Conn.) College Preparatory School, as of July 1. ✷ Pastels and acrylics by **Jeanne Nadeau Brooks** (M.A. '89) were shown recently at the Library Arts Studio in Rockland, Maine. She formerly taught high school French in Topsham. ✷ **Catherine Lochtefeld** (M.A. '92) teaches at Nardin Academy Elementary in Buffalo, N.Y. Since 2000, she has been the coordinator of the National French Contest. ✷ After teaching French at the Univ. of Minnesota, Morris, **Erica Laughlin** (M.A. '94) transitioned into computer-assisted language learning and instructional technology consulting. Now she's outreach manager for the Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, Information Technology Academy, an innovative technology access and training program for talented disadvantaged students attending Madison Public Schools.

Italian

Rory Koepp Mazur (M.A. '71) has been teaching high school German, French, and Spanish for 34 years. She's also teaching German during summers at Rutgers Univ. ✷ **Ariane Vuono** (M.A. '81) of Northampton, Mass., was recently sworn in as associate justice of the Appeals Court. She had been serving as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Massachusetts since 1995. ✷ In West Haven, Conn., **Anne O'Connor** (M.A. '93) has been appointed head of reference at the Marvin K. Peterson Library at the Univ. of New Haven, where she began working in March 2003.

Russian

Thora Johnson (M.A. '93) was elevated to partner at Venable LLP in December. Working from the firm's Baltimore, Md., office, Thora focuses her practice on employee benefits and tax-exempt organizations.

Spanish

Sister of Mercy **Mary Catharine Sullivan** (M.A. '65) celebrated her Golden Jubilee on September 24. ✷ The Foreign Language Association of Virginia has chosen **Hope Christie Damergis** (M.A. '80) as Outstanding Foreign Language Teacher for the state of Virginia. A teacher at First Colonial High School, she works with art, music, drama, and assists teachers to weave awareness of foreign languages through the curricula. ✷ **Susan Piepke** (M.A. '84), prof. of foreign languages at Bridgewater College, has published a new book, *Mathilde Franziska Anneke (1817–1884): The Works and Life of a German-American Activist.* ✷ **Harry A. Rush Jr.** (Spanish '84–'85) has contributed a series of biographies in French on his teachers at St. Martin of Tours School, Millinocket, Maine, the Sisters of the Holy Rosary, to the Univ. of Maine's Franco-American publication, *Le Forum.* ✷ **Matthew Walsh** (M.A. '95) has been named headmaster at LaGrange Academy in Georgia, beginning in the 2006–2007 academic year. He's presently serving as upper school principal at Visitation Academy in St. Louis, Mo. ✷ In Rockford, Ill., **Tim Anderson** (M.A. '05) is the organist and music director at the Unitarian Universalist Church. He also works in musical theater and accompanies Rockford's Mendelssohn Club, Bach Chamber Choir, and Rockford Symphony Orchestra. Tim is studying for his doctorate in Hispanic linguistics at the Univ. of Ill., Chicago. ✷ **Laura Fabrizio** (M.A. '05) and Arthur Manchester were married November 11 in North Kingstown, R.I. Laura teaches Spanish at Mount Hope High School in Bristol, where they live. Arthur is a history teacher.

ration and hot pot with Phillip Bloom '05." ✷ Eric and **Kathryn MacDonald Spencer**, who were married in June 2005, moved in October to Beijing, where she's selling real estate and he's an architect. ✷ **Jamie Davis** and Spencer Godfrey '02 were married on Sept 24, 2005, in Stowe, Vt., by Justice of the Peace Jared Cadwell '76. The Middlebury multitude helping celebrate included **Kate Fitzpatrick**, **Liz Wolf**, **Kara Mercer**, **Mike Barnes**, **Evan Osler**, **Jody Kramer**, **Liz Moore**, **Lindsay Gardner**, **Blake Whitman**, **Francis Connolly**, **Zach Hefferen**, **Alexis Studley**, **Evan Moppert**, **Pat** and **Meg Kumpf Duffy**, **Cary Costello**, **MK O'Brien**, **Laura Lee Burke**, **Anne Pennington**, and **Tyson Schoelzel**. Jamie and Spencer proudly represent the entire Midd population on Miami Beach, Fla. While not beach bathing or hurricane hopping, Jamie is the associate director of foundation relations for the Univ. of Miami and Spencer is an underwriter for the Latin American Div. of American International Group.
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Josh Harper is one of 3,500 corps members with Teach for America, teaching in 1,000 schools around the country. Josh is a very popular teacher at Cash Elementary School in Laveen, Ariz., where the kids at Cash need him. Only about half of the school's third-graders passed the reading portion of Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards, the state's standardized exam. Last year, Josh's students jumped three grade levels in reading. He expects the same from this year's class. ✷ **Carter Denny** is living in NYC, where she's working on the clinical trials side of a biopharmaceutical company called IRX Therapeutics. ✷ **Morgan Wilson** reports that she has moved back home to Memphis, Tenn., to work for the Dive Shop in sales and marketing and PR. ✷ Now living in D.C., **James Nicholson** is working with the JBG Companies, a private equity real estate investment firm/developer: "It's definitely a lot better than the summer I spent shingling roofs." ✷ Also in D.C., **Amichai Kilchevsky** is attending med school at George Washington Univ. ✷ **Andrew Kimball** made the Middlebury rounds on his winter break from UMass-Amherst, where he's studying to become a French teacher. He brought in the New Year in **Chris Richards**'s new Somerville apartment, and the next day entertained **Karl Whittington**, who was briefly back East. He accompanied **Katie Curler** to her sister's wedding in Estes Park, Colo., and then met **Ali White** for a midday hike and **Nina Cotton** (both of whom are enjoying life in Boulder) for a midnight tea. Craving sunshine, Andrew then flew to L.A., where he was treated to a home-cooked meal by **Ali Kraus** and **Drew Weightman**. Finally, **Kate Bushman** introduced him to Austin's Sixth St., which may or may not have involved line-dancing to Madonna. ✷ In Worcester, Mass., **Andrew Engdahl** and his brother, Matthew, are the youngest owners of a Quiznos Sub shop in the entire franchise operation. They got into the food biz early on, working with their late grandmother in the family business of D'Errico's Market in Worcester. ✷ **Michael Bolger** recently helped design and install a solar-powered pump for a new communal well in the Kenyan town of Nyamilu. While finishing up his engineering degree at Dartmouth, he joined the college chapter of Engineers Without Borders: "Before I knew it, I had a central role in the project. We had to do all our own fund-raising, and plan the entire project." He traveled to Kenya with nine other volunteers, but by the time the necessary drilling permit was obtained the others had to leave and Mike was in

charge of the whole project.
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New York's class of '05 population continues to grow! **Kate Miller**, who recently found an apartment in Manhattan with a friend, is starting Bloomingdale's executive training program after which she'll be an assistant buyer in one of their stores. **Suzanna Preziosi** and **Carrie Evans** are sharing a place, while Suzanna teaches special ed at an elementary school in the South Bronx. **Mike Vilarello** is also enjoying New York, while working at the Anti-Defamation League. Nearby is **Scott Neilsen**, who works at AIG in the global investment group. **Samir Mastaki** is also in finance, working in global capital markets for Morgan Stanley. He frequently spends time with **Adani Illo** and **Said Al-Nashashibi**. ✳ Now living in NYC, **Craig Wasserstrom** plans to get a master's in classics next year at Oxford. ✳ **Andrea Hamre** is enjoying all that D.C. has to offer, while working as an executive assistant at Staffwise Legal, Inc. She plans to head to law school next fall. Others in D.C. include **Maija Cheung**, a paralegal at Cohen, Milstein, Hausfield & Toll, PLLC. ✳ **Sammy Muhlfelder** is in grad school for architecture at the Univ. of Mich. in Ann Arbor. ✳ Until applying for grad school, **Julie Lonoff** is a psychology research assistant with Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. ✳ **Max Jones** is looking forward to moving back East after teaching Latin at the Culver Academies in Indiana this year. ✳ **Dena Simmons** returned to campus January 5 to share information about her research as a Fulbright Scholar in the Dominican Republic. "A Glimpse into Teenage Motherhood and Medical Culture in the Dominican Republic" was the title of her presentation. ✳ While they're both busy with grad school in Paris, **David Belanich** and **Brian Fink** are looking forward to time off to partake in globe-trotting adventures. ✳ **Nicolas Emery** is studying for his master's in Florence with Middlebury's Italian Language School. Nick will receive his master's in Italian studies this August on campus in Vermont. He reports that **Evan Parton** and **Heather Harris** are also in the master's program in Florence. ✳ **Stephanie Farnham** is living in Lugano, Switzerland, and teaching math at TASIS, the American School in Switzerland. Other Midd folk in Lugano include Kerri Heinecken Milne '93, Mark Aeschliman (M.A. Italian '80), Mark Germano (M.A. French '81), and Carolyn Heard '76. ✳ **Justin Lindenmayer** is teaching kindergarten in the American School of Madrid. ✳ **Alexis Hollinger** is the marketing coordinator "for a top-ten in the world Coldwell Banker real estate team, the Jay Kinder Home Selling team in Lawton, Okla." ✳ **Saba Rizvi** is living in Burlington, Vt., where she works full time for the International Monetary Fund and part time for the COTS Family Shelters. ✳ Still lives in Boston, **Emily Donnan** is now working in the development office of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She recently completed her first marathon, so give her a call for training tips.
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Dorothy Cressy Wiest, 95, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., on November 19, 2005. With a degree in social work from Columbia Univ. (1939), her lifelong social service career began with the Traveler's Aid and continued with the Catholic Social Service Agency and private counseling. Preceded in death by husband Frederick N. Wiest, she leaves sons Nick, Eric, and Brett; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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Faith Kellogg Dailey, 95, of Manchester Center, Vt., on December 23, 2005. While managing and operating her husband's business, she also did administrative work for the Manchester Fire Dept. and the Vermont State Firefighters Assoc. Predeceased by husband Howard C. Dailey, she leaves sons Howard III, Richard, and Robert; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include cousin Leila Goodrich Tupman '56 and late cousins Nathalie Lewis Emery '31, Warren G. Goodrich '33, and Eleanor Goodrich Sanborn '35.

Elizabeth H. Hunt, 94, of Kennebunk, Maine, on February 27, 2006. With a master's from Columbia Univ. (1941) she taught French in several Vermont high schools and headed the guidance department in Farmington, Conn. She enjoyed gardening and traveling. She leaves sister Amy Hunt Meek '24.

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Jesse Deutsch, 93, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., on January 12, 2006. In Woodridge, N.Y., he and his late wife, Ruth (Panzirer), ran a lumber and oil business. He is survived by daughter Judy Bischoff and brother Leonard Deutsch.

Clare Walker Earl, 93, of Santa Barbara, Calif., on June 22, 2005. With a master's from Boston Univ., she taught mathematics and science for 35 years in Vermont and Massachusetts. She also edited textbooks for Houghton Mifflin in Boston. She was preceded in death by husband Burton Earl in 1965.

Lovina Foote Goodale, 91, of Storrs, Conn., on February 14, 2006. With her M.S. in library science (Univ. of Southern Calif., 1958), she worked in the Connecticut State Library, the South Pasadena Public Library, and the Univ. of Conn. Library, retiring in 1975. She leaves daughter Anne Engdahl and two granddaughters.

Prescott B. Wintersteen, 92, of Westwood, Mass., on June 9, 2005. He worked in textiles manufacturing, was ordained a Unitarian minister, and served as a Naval chaplain. Predeceased by wife Dorothy Drown Wintersteen '39 in 1988, he leaves daughter Wendy Girdosky, sons Jeremy and Prescott Jr., and six grandchildren.

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Benjamin M. Hayward, 92, of Waverly, Ohio, on December 20, 2005. From 1942–1945, he served in Army finance in England and North Africa. He was employed by the state of Vermont as a statistician, as business manager of *Vermont Life* magazine, and as an accountant for the State Education Department. He was preceded in death by wife Marion (Sanders).

Lucy A. Roberts, 91, of Webster, Mass., on January 18, 2006. She taught high school French and Spanish in Webster, retiring in 1980 as head of the foreign language department. With a degree from Becker Business School and a master's from Assumption College, she also worked in business. She is survived by a sister, Emily Roberts.

Jean Wiley Zwickel, 92, of Antioch, Calif., on August 26, 2005. With an M.A. in education (Western Reserve Univ.) and an M.A. in French (Columbia Univ. and the Sorbonne), she taught French in California. A dedicated pacifist and ardent defender of civil and human rights, she met husband Abraham Zwickel in 1943 while on a protest march. A friend of many notable activists, her great passion was for Puerto Rican independence. She and her husband were also supporters of labor and the environment. Predeceased by her husband in 2000 and by older son David in 2001, she leaves son Daniel, one granddaughter, and two great-granddaughters.

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Monroe R. Davis, 91, of Monticello, N.Y., on January 4, 2006. He was awarded a Silver Star and a Purple Heart for his service in the Marines during World War II. After retiring from his law firm, he continued in private practice until age 85 and continued to ski until age 90. Predeceased by wife Esther (Patashnick) in 2003, he leaves daughters Susanne Cohn and Amy Troyani, son Stanley Davis, and four grandchildren.

Victor N. Sanborn, 89, of Kissimmee, Fla., on November 19, 2005. With an M.Ed. (Univ. of N.H. '48) he taught English and was a freelance educational consultant in speed reading, until recently at Valencia Community College. He was predeceased by wife Marjorie (Earp) in 2000.

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Marion Wishart Packard, 90, of Holden, Mass., on November 29, 2005. After studies at Columbia Univ., she was a dietitian in Boston and at Dartmouth College. Predeceased by husband Theodore H. Packard in 1994 and by sister Barbara Wishart Erickson '36 in 1994, she leaves sons Robert, Charles, Peter, and David; daughter Constance Packard-Hayden; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Helen Miller Snipes, 89, of Canandaigua, N.Y., on April 14, 2005. After graduating from Oberlin College, she worked in the Penfield School District and sang in the Rochester Oratorio Society. Survivors include son Paul, daughters Joan Bigelow and Carol Ellison, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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Marjorie Arnold Cady, 88, of Middlebury, Vt., on November 29, 2005. In Darien, Conn., she served the community in many capacities. Earning a teaching certificate (Univ. of Bridgeport), she became a teacher and writing specialist in Connecticut, retiring in 1988. She directed the Middlebury Writers' Workshop from 1990 to 2003. She began painting seriously in 1992, exhibiting her pastels in shows until recently. Predeceased by husband Howard S. Cady in 1990, she leaves son Peter '63; daughters Janet Hutchinson, Susan Hayward, Anne Cady '73, and Ellen Cady; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Justine Jackson '08.

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Stanley E. Sprague, 87, of St. Louis, Mo., on October 29, 2005. During World War II, he served in the Navy as a Japanese interpreter/translator. After attending Oxford Univ. (England) as a Rhodes Scholar and earning an M.A. at Trinity College (1953), he taught at John Burroughs School in Clayton, Mo., retiring in 1982. Survivors include wife Laura, son John, daughters Elizabeth Chandler and Margaret Oravetz, and five grandchildren.

FRANK P. PISKOR '37
JANUARY 5, 1916–MARCH 8, 2006

FRANK P. PISKOR, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY in Canton, N.Y., passed away on March 8, 2006. After earning his Ph.D. in political science and public administration at Syracuse University's Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, he was invited to become a faculty member there in 1939. He served in a variety of posts, rising to the rank of full professor, vice chancellor, and provost.

In 1969, he accepted the presidency of St. Lawrence University and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1981. During his illustrious career in higher education, he has been honored with the conferral of honorary degrees by Middlebury, Syracuse, Alfred, Colgate and other institutions. Piskor Hall was named for him at St. Lawrence, the Frank P. Piskor Faculty Lectureship was established in his honor in 1979, and there is a scholarship at St. Lawrence in his name.

After his retirement, he devoted himself to consulting, bank and corporate board service and trusteeship of two foundations. He was especially supportive of the hospital, historical society, church, and several regional museums.

At Middlebury, Dr. Piskor established the Blanch and Stephen Piskor Scholarship Fund in 1985, in memory of his parents. In 1988 he was the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. He counted himself a personal friend of Robert Frost, having met the poet while working as a kitchen assistant at Bread Loaf in 1935. He married Anne Calder in 1945; she was made an honorary member of the Class of 1937 at the time of their 50th reunion.

Predeceased by his wife in 2000 and by brother Bernard S. Piskor '40 in 1982, he leaves daughters Joanne Jones and Nancy Piskor Twichell '73, and three grandchildren, including Sarah A. Twichell '03.

40 **Margaret Hull Drew**, 87, of Wilton, Conn., on February 9, 2006. A longtime nursery school teacher at the Friends Meeting House, she also volunteered at the Connecticut Braille Association in Westport. Predeceased by husband Robert D. Drew, she leaves daughters Carol Drew, Joanne Opel, Virginia Drew, and Kathleen Emerson; son Robert Jr.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Deceased Middlebury cousins include Charlotte Moody Emerson '26 and Margaret Moody Rice '28.

Barbara Peek Loftin, 87, of Lake Ridge, Va., on January 13, 2006. She worked for the J. Walter Thompson Agency in New York, attended Syracuse Univ. School of Journalism, and was a writer for the Esso Standard Oil Co. In Austin, Texas, she was director of communications for Scientific Methods, Inc., and a technical writer for the Univ. of Texas.

41 **Kenneth R. Beckwith**, 86, of Middlebury, Vt., and New Smyrna Beach, Fla., on March 5, 2006. A World War II flight instructor in the Army Air Corps, he was stationed in North Africa. He was active in the Middlebury community, where he was the owner of Beckwith Motors from 1951 to 1978. He leaves wife Edith Lee Beckwith '44, daughter Leslie Caron, son Lee, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

42 **Nancy Rindfusz Bates**, 84, of Columbus, S.C., on December 15, 2005. With husband John "Jack" F. Bates '42, she served the College in many capacities, notably as class agent, class secretary, and reunion chair. She was a community leader for many years in Simsbury, Conn., where she developed and operated a thrift store to benefit Family and Children's Services. In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons Jeffrey, Michael, R. Tiffany, and Sanford; daughter Margaret Holmes; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Clifford W. Fulton, 85, of Morris, Conn., on December 11, 2005. A retired major in the Marine Corps, he served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a banker in Bristol, retiring in 1980. Predeceased by wife Carole (Constantine) in 1988 and brother, Richard H. Fulton '47 in 2002, he leaves son Bruce and three grandchildren.

Dean S. Northrop, 85, of Rutland, Vt., on November 30, 2005. He served as a weather observer in the Air Corps during World War II. With an M.S. in education (Univ. of Southern Calif.), he taught high school English in New York State's Hudson Valley for 27 years.

43 **Stanley R. Tupper**, 84, of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, on January 6, 2006. A native of Boothbay Harbor, he served in the Navy (1944–46) and earned a law degree from LaSalle Extension Univ. in Chicago. He served in the Maine Legislature (1953–54) and later held posts as assistant attorney general and state commissioner of sea and shore fisheries. During his three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, he was one of two Republican sponsors for the Medicare Act in 1954 and was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act in 1965. He was appointed U.S. commissioner general with the rank of ambassador to the Canadian World Exhibition in 1967, and he served on the International Commission for Northeast Atlantic Fisheries in 1975–76. Among his proudest accomplishments was organizing the Boothbay Regional Lobstermen's Co-Op. U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe and former Gov. John McKernan issued a statement following his death: "Tupper led a life of distinguished service. He always stood up as a strong and forthright voice for Maine, and he was a testament to the finest ideals of public service." He shared a law practice with his wife, Jill (Kaplan), who survives him. He also leaves son Stanley Jr. and daughter Lara.

44 **Carolyn Nash Taylor**, 83, of Fairfax, Va., on January 3, 2006. She worked for the Fairfax public library system for more than 20 years, mostly at the Kings Park and George Mason branches. She is survived by husband Herbert W. Taylor '44, daughters Ann and Susan, a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

45 **Dorothy Compton Ennis**, 82, of Lexington, Ky., on January 5, 2006. Fluent in 10 languages, she worked for the the French Government Mission before joining the United Nations Economic and Social Council (1946–1954), and traveling extensively in Europe, South America, and the Far East. She taught languages in New York and at the Univ. of Kentucky in Lexington. Predeceased by husband Harry M. Ennis Jr., she leaves son Richard C. Ennis, daughter Carol Ennis Martin, and four grandchildren.

Josephine Kirk Komow, 81, of Newton, Mass., on March 28, 2005. The librarian for the F.A. Day School in Newton for 25 years, she was active in the Newton Community Chorus, the Berkshire Choral Festival, Jackson Homestead, Recordings for the Blind, and the Newton Boys and Girls Club. She worked with victims of domestic violence, tutored students in English as a second language, and did volunteer work with the NYC Tenants Council. Predeceased by husband Victor H. Komow, she leaves sons Nicholas and Raymond, and six grandchildren.

Peter Q. McKee, 82, of New London, N.H., on December 14, 2005. While serving in the Army Air Force as a B-24 pilot during World War II, he flew 51 missions in Europe. Returning to Middlebury, he studied with Prof. Ben Wissler; teaching physics became the major focus of his working years. He served 42 years on the faculty at Phillips Academy in Andover, retiring as acting headmaster in 1989. He taught physics, math, and astronomy; coached football and tennis; and served in a number of administrative positions. In retirement, he completed work on a college physics text. He leaves wife Jean Crawford McKee '46, son Peter Jr., daughters Cynthia Scott and Patricia Halsey, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

47 **William S. Dodd**, 84, of Tavares, Fla., on January 1, 2006. A World War II veteran, he served in the Army Air Corps in Italy. After working for New York Central Railroad and Reynolds Metals, he earned a master's in education and taught high school for 20 years in upstate New York. Predeceased by wife Evelyn Gardner Dodd '47 in August 2005, he leaves sons Philip, Lawrence, and Stuart; and six grandchildren.

Patricia Pringle Miller, 79, of Barneveld, N.Y., on December 29, 2005. Predeceased by husband Henry F. Miller Jr. in April 2005, she leaves daughter Susan; sons Stephen, Douglas, and Richard; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Ellen Chalmers Steen, 80, of Stoneham, Mass., on December 3, 2005. Predeceased by husband

Cecil H. Steen '47 in 1978, she is survived by sons Robert and Michael, daughters Ellen Liuzza and Tannie Glahn, and nine grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Robert B. Chalmers '17, aunt Elizabeth Chalmers Dow '14, uncles James A. Chalmers '09 and William W. Chalmers '13. Surviving Middlebury cousins include John Chalmers '38, Margaret MacCormick deForest '47, Elizabeth Chalmers '58, Susannah Chalmers Deacon '63, Emily Chalmers McCallion '65, John M. Chalmers '85, James A. Chalmers '91, and Seth C. Janus '95.

48 **Richard Buonerba**, 82, of Norwalk, Conn., on February 12, 2006. During World War II, he served in Europe and in the Occupational Forces in Japan. He was the voice of Radio Station WNLK in Norwalk from 1949 to 1975, then continued his career for another decade at radio station WMMM in Westport. A well-known singer at Middlebury, he continued until recently to be a soloist at weddings and other events. He is survived by wife Penny (Klim); son Jon; daughters Carla Gisolfi, Jennifer Prescott, and Nicole Buonerba; and 11 grandchildren.

Doris Palm Corliss, 78, of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, on December 12, 2005. A high school English teacher, she also assisted her husband on their farm and was career development coordinator at a regional vocational center. Predeceased by husband David H. Corliss in May 2005, she leaves four children, four stepdaughters, and 18 grandchildren.

Robert W. Todd, 78, of Manchester, N.J., on January 1, 2006. After earning a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Iowa State Univ. (1952), he served in the Army Chemical Corps (1952–54). He worked for Amoco Chemicals Corp., then became a chemical specialist at Citibank, retiring as a VP in 1990. Surviving are wife Sally (Zoeckler); sons Scott, Craig, Bruce, and Glenn; and six grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include sister-in-law Patricia Hamilton Todd '53 and niece Anne Todd McFall '79. He was predeceased by brother David G. Todd '53 in 1987.

51 **Donald Glen-Reiland**, 82, of Orinda, Calif., on December 13, 2005. During World War II, he enlisted in the Army and parachuted into Normandy on D-Day. His business career included advertising, sales, and entrepreneurial activities in the Northeast. He recently completed a book, *From Darien to D-Day: A Love Story*, incorporating his recollections on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of D-Day. He is survived by second wife Isabella Glen, daughters Kim Reiland Landry '77 and Lisa Williams Reiland, stepson Andrew Glen, and five grandchildren. His first wife was Lesley Harper Miller '54.

52 **Frank C. LaGattuta Jr.**, 75, of Palmer Township, Pa., on January 3, 2006. A Fordham College of Pharmacy graduate, he was co-proprietor of the Town Pharmacy in Palmer Township for 42 years, retiring in 2000. Survivors include wife Bernice (Brochini), son, Frank III, and brother, John LaGattuta of Harrison, N.Y.

53 **Constance Sherman Patrick**, 75, of Bethlehem, Pa., on November 5, 2005. She was an avid volunteer docent for the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., for 20 years, and a member of Cathedral Church of Nativity, Bethlehem. Survivors include husband George H. Patrick III, son Charles, daughter Katherine Eighmy, and four grandchildren.

William R. Rice, 74, of New York, N.Y., on January 23, 2006, of lung cancer. After studying painting at Middlebury, he became a fixture in the avant-garde art world for over 30 years, living in his studio in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Although he always identified himself as a painter, he also worked in sculpture and photography and

Dana Morosini Reeve '84
March 17, 1961–March 6, 2006

Dana Morosini Reeve '84, who received both undergraduate and honorary doctorate degrees from Middlebury, died March 6, 2006, at Memorial Sloane-Kettering Hospital near her home in Westchester County, N.Y. She was 44. The cause of death was lung cancer, although she never smoked.

An English major who received her degree *cum laude*, Dana pursued a career in music and theater. It was on a stage at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in 1987 that she met actor Christopher Reeve, to whom she was married in April 1992. Son Will was born later that year.

On May 27, 1995, near Charlottesville, Va., Christopher was thrown from a horse and became quadriplegic. As Dana stated in her graduation speech to the Class of 2004: "There will be many choices before you, some of which you'll welcome and celebrate, and then there will be some over which you will anguish. Some choices will choose you. How you face those choices, these turns in the road, with what kind of attitude, more than the choices themselves, is what will define the context of your life." By any measure, Dana faced the choices over which she surely anguished and defined her life as she encouraged the Class of 2004 to define theirs—as brave and kind and optimistic and generous and optimistic and true.

Dana and Christopher became committed not only to living their drastically changed lives to the fullest, but also to doing everything in their power to find a cure for spinal cord injuries. As reported in the *New York Times* (March 7, 2006), they "created the Christopher Reeve Foundation, which drew on his fame as the actor in the 'Superman' movies and the inspiration many drew from his struggle to raise and distribute over $55 million in research grants, much of it aimed at speeding the development of stem-cell treatments."

Indeed, less than two weeks after Christopher's death from heart failure in October 2004, Dana appeared with then presidential candidate John Kerry to promote stem cell research and to endorse his candidacy, saying: "Chris imagined living in a world where politics would never get in the way of hope. So I am here today to honor my husband." Dana became the foundation's chairwoman after his death, developed the foundation's Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Center, and directed a program that distributed more than $8 million for projects designed to improve the daily lives of people with paralysis.

In the midst of her foundation work, serving as Christopher's principal caregiver, and raising their son, Dana pursued her career, appearing in *Law & Order* and *All My Children* and in theaters on Broadway and Off Broadway. In 2000, she co-hosted (with Deborah Roberts) a daily talk show on the Lifetime Network. She sang the title song on the soundtrack on the HBO movie *In the Gloaming* (directed by Christopher) and was the author of *Carepackages: Letters to Christopher Reeve from Strangers and Other Friends* (Random House). She was named Mother of the Year by the American Cancer Society in 2005 and, last January 12 (wearing a wig made necessary by chemotherapy), performed at the event celebrating the retirement of the jersey of hockey great Mark Messier at Madison Square Garden.

In August 2005, after learning that the *National Enquirer* was prepared to break the story, Dana announced that she had been diagnosed with lung cancer. At a press conference, Dana remembered her husband's courage, saying that, "As always, I look to him as the ultimate example of defying the odds with strength, courage, and hope in the face of life's adversities."

The Middlebury College community extends its deepest sympathy to Will Reeve and to Dana's other survivors: her stepchildren, Matthew Reeve and Alexandra Reeve, her father, Dr. Charles Morosini, and her sisters, Deborah Morosini and Adrienne Morosini Heilman. Her mother, Helen Morosini, predeceased her. —*Anne Rowell Noble '78*

was active in experimental theater and films. He recently appeared in Jim Jarmusch's film, *Coffee and Cigarettes*. With Swiss scholar Ulla E. Dydo, he wrote books about Gertrude Stein. He also worked on a volume of Stein's correspondence. Originally an abstract artist, he later developed an expressionistic figurative style, often depicting multiethnic street life. His last show was at Mitchell Algus Gallery in Chelsea last fall. He came out of the hospital to appear in a short piece by Jim Neu, *Alone Together*, last November. He collaborated with writers Gary Indiana, Rene Ricard, and David Wojnarowicz. He spent the last year of his life fighting his disease while completing drawings and illustrations for a book by Nemo Hill, called *The Potter Twins*. He is survived by partner Michael Cobarubias and brother Edward Baumgardner.

55 **Theodore R. Haviland**, 72, of Smithville, N.J., on January 9, 2006. He worked for many years in the employee benefit field for Federal Life and Casualty Company and was self employed in the advertising field at the time of his retirement. Survivors include wife Patricia, daughters Susan Haviland, Janet Haviland, and Margaret Reynolds, and six grandchildren.

56 **Leigh Updike Johnson**, 71, of Sarasota, Fla., and Fort Collins, Colo., on January 25, 2006, of acute myelogenous leukemia. While living in Indianapolis, Ind., she taught in the humanities department at Broad Ripple High School, where she founded the "walkabout" mentoring program and devised and implemented the critical thinking curriculum. She was the first president of the board of an Indianapolis teen parenting program and sang in the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. A gift from her estate has been established in support of Middlebury scholarships for students from inner-city public high schools in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, or Wisconsin. Survivors include husband Charles F. Johnson; sons Timothy, Michael, Gregory, and Douglas; and 10 grandchildren.

Harold A. Meeks, 75, of Essex Junction, Vt., on December 18, 2005. His Middlebury years were interrupted by three years of service in the Coast Guard during the Korean War. With an M.A. and Ph.D. (1964) in geography from the Univ. of Minn., he taught at UVM (1964–1995), and then at Johnson State part time. He wrote many books and articles on Vermont and historical highways. His community service included the Essex Junction planning commission and the Chittenden County regional planning commission. Survivors include wife Mildred (Jewel), son Charles, daughter Lany Zikakis, and five grandchildren.

58 **Barry A. Tessler**, 69, of New York, N.Y., on February 26, 2006. An attorney in New York City, he leaves daughter Renee, son Jon, and two grandchildren.

60 **William A. Doyle**, 69, of Duxbury, Mass., on December 10, 2005. Retired as a sales representative in 1996, he leaves wife Ruth (Roach), daughter Terri Petriella, son William A. Doyle, and three grandchildren.

70 **Michael C. Cudahy**, 57, of La Jolla, Calif., on January 12, 2006. A graduate of the Univ. of Ariz. School of Law (1974), he clerked for two years for Justice Lorna Lockwood of the Arizona Supreme Court. In 1976, he became an Arizona state assistant attorney general. When he became ill in 2001, he retired from the Arizona Attorney General's office as Chief of the Criminal Division. A consummate public servant, he is remembered by friends and colleagues for his tough, but fair, determination to uphold the law without regard to political climates, headlines, or personal ambitions. He leaves wife Joanie (White), daughter Catherine, and son John.

72 **Cynthia Watkins Ketcham**, 55, of Montpelier, Vt., on November 28, 2005. A nuclear medicine supervisor at Fletcher Allen Hospital, she belonged to the Society of Nuclear Medicine and the American Society of Radiological Technologists. A former Middlebury resident, she was active in the Middlebury Lions Club and the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, the Green Mountain Club, and the Addison County Opportunity Center. She also helped set up the first eye bank in Vermont. Cynthia is survived by son Peter Scott Antos-Ketcham.

80 **Lisa Clark Driscoll**, 47, of Orchard Park, N.Y., on January 25, 2006, following a three-year battle with cancer. With an MBA (Univ. of Buffalo, 1982), she was senior VP of business development for mergers and acquisitions for the Hamister Group of Amherst, N.Y., and the chief financial officer of Founding Fathers Pub in Buffalo. She received numerous leadership awards, including the YMCA Outstanding Leadership Award, in addition to nine major awards from her employer. She leaves husband Michael E. Driscoll, daughter Brooke, and sons Clark and Kevin.

85 **Tracy W. Howell**, 42, of Pelham, N.Y., on February 8, 2006, after a brief and sudden illness. She began her publishing career in 1985 at Viking Penguin. She then became a literary scout at Maria B. Campbell Associates and went on to work as foreign rights director at Warner Books and Random House before joining the Gernert Company, where she managed the world publishing rights of John Grisham, among others. She had recently begun taking on her own clients. She leaves husband Michele Tagliati, daughter Isabella (8), and son Luca (4).

Language Schools

36 **Dorothy Gay Biron**, 96, M.A. French, of Waterville, Maine, on February 15, 2006.

45 **Marie Pizzimenti Belfanti**, 85, Spanish, of Wyckoff, N.J., on December 21, 2005.

47 **Ruth C. Lakeway**, 83, M.A. Italian, of Greenfield Center, N.Y., on February 15, 2006. A college voice professor for 34 years, she retired from Skidmore in 1988.

49 **Gerhard M. Wilke**, 87, M.A. German, of West Spring, Mass., on November 28, 2005. He taught languages in Massachusetts, and was a special agent, Counter Intelligence Corps.

50 **Thelma E. Hale**, 87, M.A. French, of West Groton, Mass., on October 8, 2005. She taught at South Lancaster Academy, Atlantic Union College, and the Athol school system.

William W. Hughes, 85, M.A. French, of Boynton Beach, Fla., on November 8, 2005. An Army veteran of World War II, he taught languages in Vermont and retired from the Postal Service in Florida.

52 **Mark I. Davidoff**, 83, M.A. French, of Baltimore, Md., on December 23, 2005. He earned a Purple Heart while serving in France as an Army medic during World War II. He taught high school languages in Westchester County, N.Y.

53 **Alan A. Reich**, 75, M.A. Russian, of McLean, Va., on November 8, 2005. A quadriplegic since a 1962 swimming accident, he founded the National Organization on Disability. An all-American track and field athlete at Dartmouth, he served in the Army as an infantry officer and Russian language interrogation officer in Germany and was named a member of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He worked for Polaroid until 1970, when he was named deputy assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs. He founded and chaired the Paralysis Cure Research Foundation, was president of what became the National Spinal Cord Injury Association, and founded the National Task Force on Disability. In July he received the George Bush Medal for his work on behalf of people with disabilities.

57 **Robert E. Karlson**, 78, M.A. English, of Falls Church, Va., on December 29, 2005. He taught English at George Mason Univ.

61 **Frederic W. Toppan**, 75, M.A. Spanish, of Rye Beach, N.H., on January 19, 2006. A Korean War Army veteran, he taught at Kingswood School, Middlebury Academy, and Thayer Academy.

62 **Durward W. Cox**, 77, M.A. Spanish, of Edinboro, Pa., on November 20, 2005. A veteran of the Korean conflict, he taught at Edinboro Univ. for over 25 years.

67 Br. **Aquinas Brendan Fitzgerald**, 67, M.A. French, of New York, N.Y., on January 11, 2006. He taught at La Salle Academy.

Br. Declan Kane (born **John Kane**), 73, M.A. French, of Baltimore, Md., on February 9, 2006. He taught languages and religion, 1961–1997.

William H. Marshall, 72, M.A. French, of South Portland, Maine, on November 25, 2005. He was a foreign language teacher for 24 years in Delaware and Maine.

72 Br. **Denis Hever**, 59, M.A. French, of Bayonne, N.J., on November 4, 2005. His work for the Marists included being diocesan director of religious education in New York, Fribourg (Switzerland), and Liberia (West Africa).

87 **Robert O. Grattola**, 64, Italian, of Park Ridge, Ill., on January 19, 2006. At Maine East High School, he taught Italian for 37 years and added opera to the curriculum.

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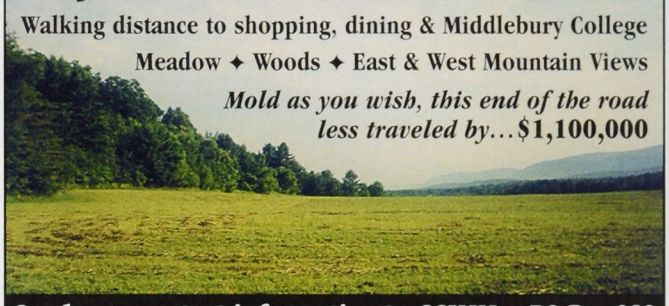

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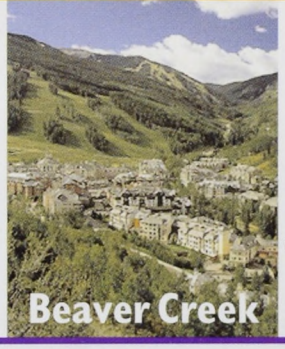

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A Million Little Disguises

What does James Frey tell us about writing today?

By Courtney Palmbush '00

"At best," reflects Annie Dillard in her book *The Writing Life*, "the sensation of writing is that of any unmerited grace." Dillard won the Pulitzer Prize for her book *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, a literary amalgam of memoir and metaphor about which Eudora Welty said, "The book is a form of meditation, written with headlong urgency, about *seeing*. . . . There is an ambition about her book that I like. . . . It is the ambition to feel."

The current literary vogue is the memoir, a classification that implies that what is being presented is truth, perhaps the literary equivalent of the photograph. And although we may know that photographs can lie, it's human nature to believe what we see. To understand that even nonfiction is fictional in its own way can be a tricky business, and it may be asking more of the reader than the reader can give.

There is one question concerning the place of truth in writing that seems to have been overlooked in the James Frey ordeal; in fact, it concerns many bestsellers on the literary market and seems to have been overlooked for rather a long while now. The question is this: Of the many lies (white or otherwise) that an author may tell in his rendering of a story, which kinds are forgivable and which are not? It's a serious breach of ethics if a journalist meddles with the types of details that James Frey did in his book *A Million Little Pieces*. However, Frey's book wasn't a piece of journalism—it was a literary work, and as such, it is not expected to adhere to the same strict laws. What's disturbing about Frey's case is not the fact that artistic license has been used, but instead, *how* it's been used.

Frey's dishonesty with such external details reveals dishonesty on deeper levels, the levels that form the very structure of literature's strange power to expose us to ourselves and to declare what is true. This kind of dishonesty stands in opposition to what Welty admires about Dillard's approach to memoir—the "ambition to feel."

In understanding his own calling as a writer, essayist Ted Solotaroff addresses the necessity for a fearless and fundamental honesty about the human experience in his work "A Few Good Voices in My Head." Solotaroff speaks of the education he received by reading Isaac Rosenfeld's essays, one of which "dealt with Sartre and the underground and began with the thought that modern writers like to believe they stand at a necessary remove from society, resisting, if passively, its disorder, amorality, and so forth."

Solotaroff is exhilarated when Rosenfeld "arraign[s] Sartre for taking the view from the café as the leading truths of existence. [A]t the time . . . existentialism was everywhere in vogue. Yet here was Rosenfeld, in his calm, clear way, exercising his right, as he would say elsewhere, to 'take a good look' at the attitude with which Sartre approached experience and to weigh it on a firm, moral scale."

In their meditations on writing, Dillard and Solotaroff point to the necessity for writers to steer clear of narcissism, to avoid becoming so repulsed or besotted with the "unmerited" result of the writing act that they are unable to remain true to the subject matter. Is it more insidious for a memoir writer to manipulate the particular details of his brother's death or to present a false attitude about how he dealt with the situation as a human being? If it begs the question, why does one write?, then the more salient question may be, why do we read?

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